

I

Love

YOU

SO

MUCH,

I LOVE YOU SO MUCH, I HATE YOU

I Hate

Yuni

YOU

PARENTAL ADVISORY  
**WARNING**  
EXPLICIT CONTENT



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THOSE  
TWO ARE  
THE TOP  
TALENT  
OF OUR  
PRODUCT  
PLANNING  
DIVISION.

FUJIMURA-  
SAN—OUR  
YOUNGEST  
STAFF  
MEMBER AND  
RISING STAR,  
FORMERLY  
THE ACE OF  
OUR SALES  
DEPARTMENT.

ASANO-SAN—  
OUR DIVISION'S  
FIRST FEMALE  
MANAGER,  
SHE'S HIGHLY  
CAPABLE AND  
RESPECTED  
BY MANY  
WITHIN THE  
COMPANY.

BY THE WAY,  
YOU'D NEVER  
HAVE A CHANCE  
WITH EITHER  
OF THEM,  
SO WATCH  
YOURSELF.

HEY!!

MIND  
YOUR OWN  
BUSINESS.









KUSU (CHUCKLE)  
KUSU

NO...!  
THAT  
WASN'T  
MY  
FAULT...!



WASN'T YOUR  
PLAN THE ONLY  
ONE THAT GOT  
DESTROYED  
IN THE END-  
OF-YEAR  
COMPETITION,  
NARUSE?

WHAT'RE  
YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT?

THANKS  
TO CHIEF  
ASANO,  
OUR  
DIVISION  
HAS HAD  
A PERFECT  
RECORD  
SINCE LAST  
YEAR!



SO  
ISHIYAMA-  
SAN USED  
TO BE  
CHIEF'S  
MENTOR.

I  
SEE.

HOW IS  
THAT  
TRAINING  
-!?

IT'S MY  
WAY OF  
TRAINING  
THEM UP...

YOU HAVEN'T  
CHANGED A  
BIT SINCE THE  
DAYS WHEN YOU  
MENTORED ME.

COME ON...  
ISHIYAMA-SAN,  
PLEASE STOP  
TEASING YOUR  
MENTEES SO  
MUCH.



IT'S AMAZING  
THAT SHE'S  
NOT AWKWARD  
ABOUT HER  
OLD MENTOR  
WORKING  
UNDER HER...











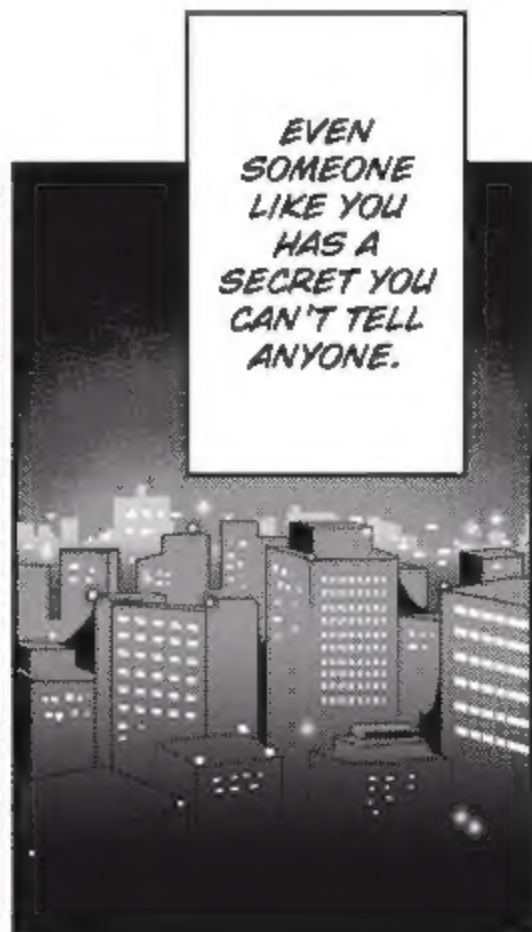
AN  
IMPECCABLE  
MANAGER.

HEH.



SOMETHING  
ONLY YOU  
AND I  
KNOW.

OUR  
VERY  
OWN  
SECRET  
—...



EVEN  
SOMEONE  
LIKE YOU  
HAS A  
SECRET YOU  
CAN'T TELL  
ANYONE.













SURE...  
MY  
HUSBAND  
WON'T  
CARE...  
...IF  
I'M  
NOT  
THERE.



...AYAKO-  
SAN, CAN  
YOU STAY  
LATE  
TONIGHT?



IT'S  
TRUE,  
THOUGH.

THERE  
YOU GO  
AGAIN,  
SAYING  
THAT  
STUFF...



I FEEL LIKE  
I'M THE  
ONLY ONE  
WHO GETS  
ANYTHING OUT  
OF US BEING  
TOGETHER...

...I...

...COULD  
SAY THE  
SAME TO  
YOU.



ARE YOU  
OKAY WITH  
SPENDING  
TIME WITH  
ME?

WHAT?

THAT'S  
A LIE.



I LOVE  
YOU, BUT  
TO YOU.

...THIS  
RELATIONSHIP  
WITH ME IS  
JUST FOR  
FUN.

YOU  
CAN'T  
SAY THE  
SAME AT  
ALL.

AYAKO-  
SAN  
...

...DOES  
IT FEEL  
GOOD?

NN...  
SO...  
G...







WHAT  
CAN I DO  
TO MAKE  
YOU  
MINE?



YOU'RE  
OVER-  
SELLING  
ME.

MEN AT  
WORK KEEP  
ASKING FOR  
INTRO-  
DUCTIONS  
TO YOU,  
THOUGH.



...AS  
BEAUTIFUL  
AND CAPABLE  
AS YOU,  
PLEASE  
INTRODUCE  
ME.

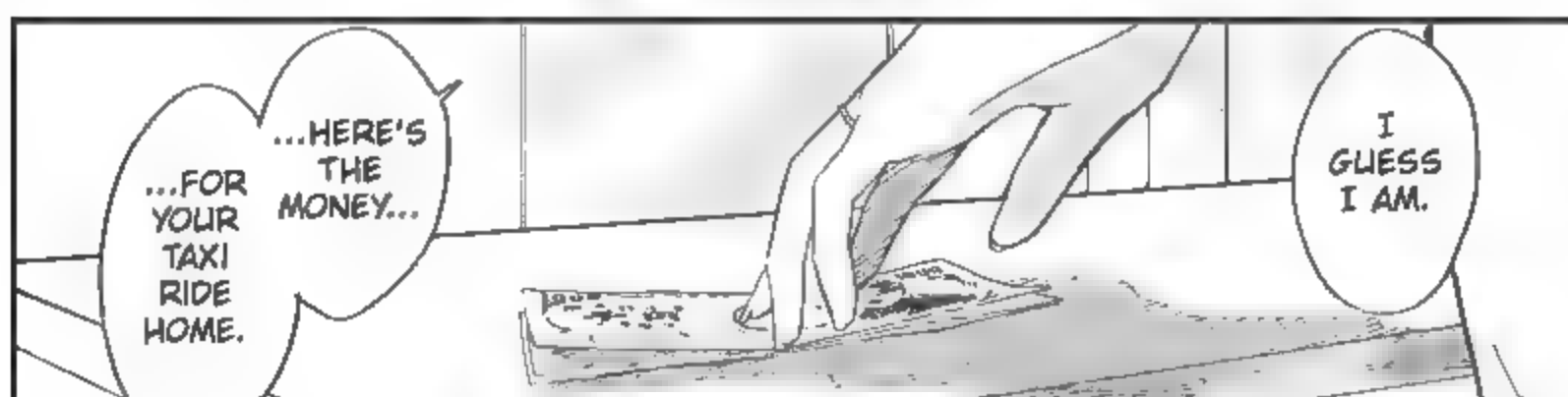
IF YOU  
KNOW  
SOMEONE  
...



SURELY  
YOU'RE  
POPULAR  
WITH MUCH  
YOUNGER,  
CUTER  
GIRLS?

I DON'T  
GET YOU,  
FUJIMURA-  
SAN.







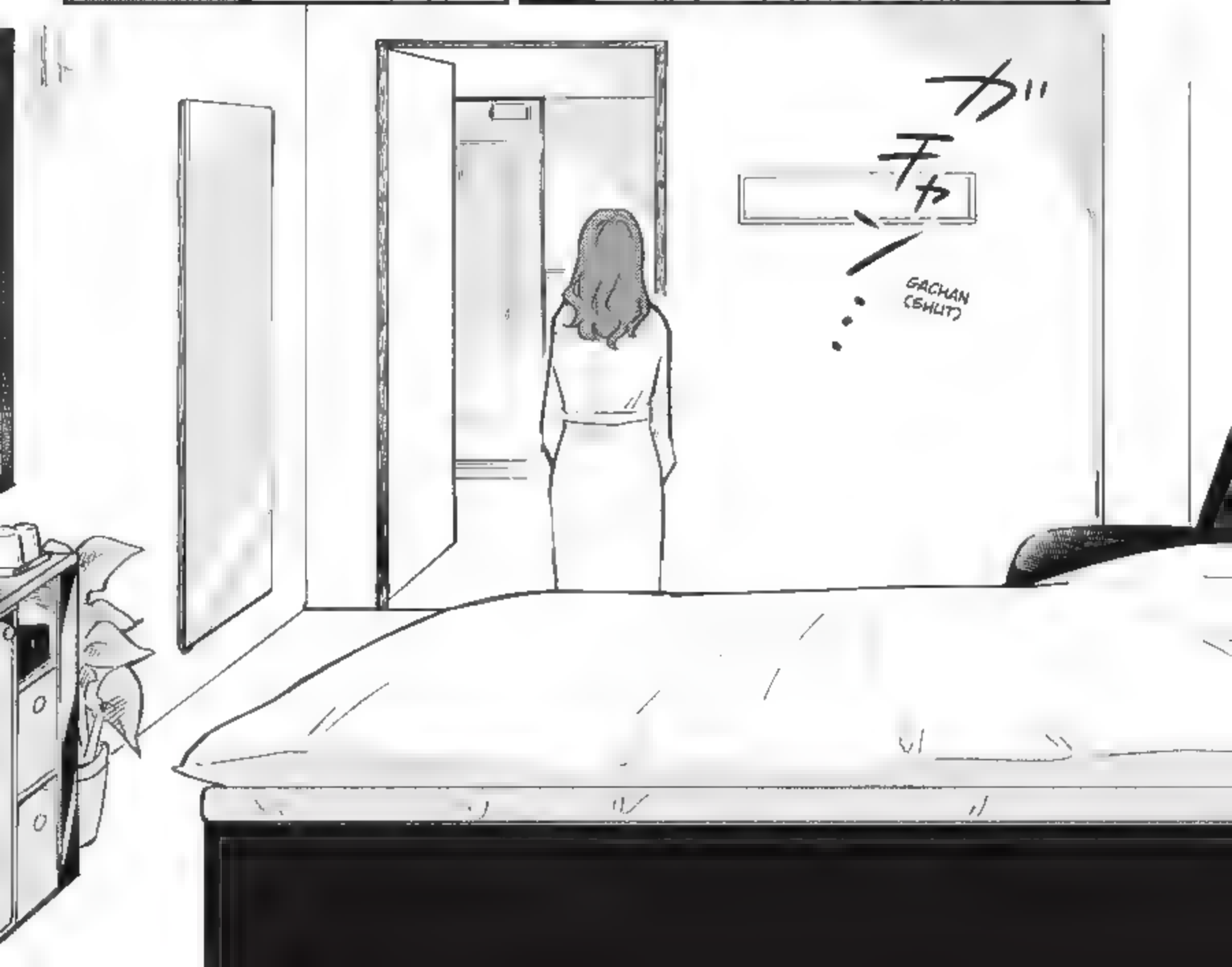
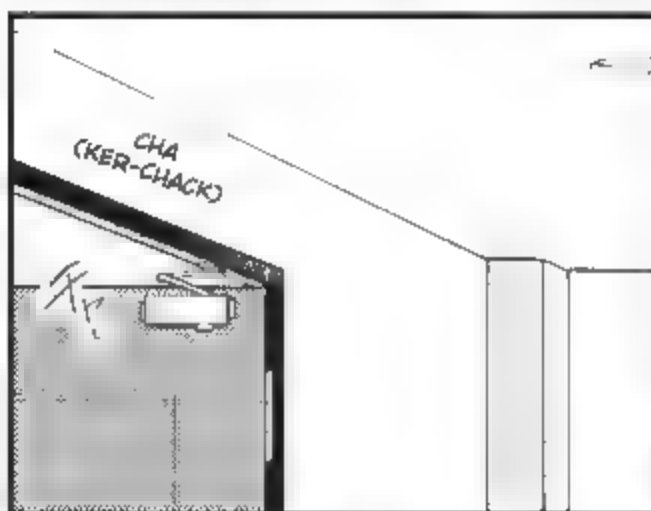




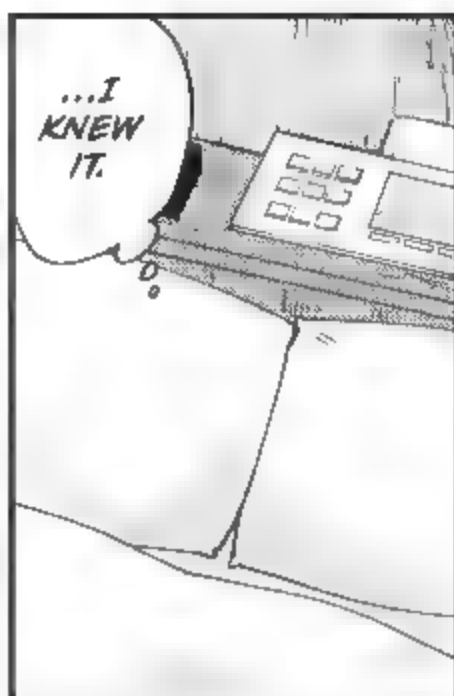
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GETTING  
YOUR  
WAY.

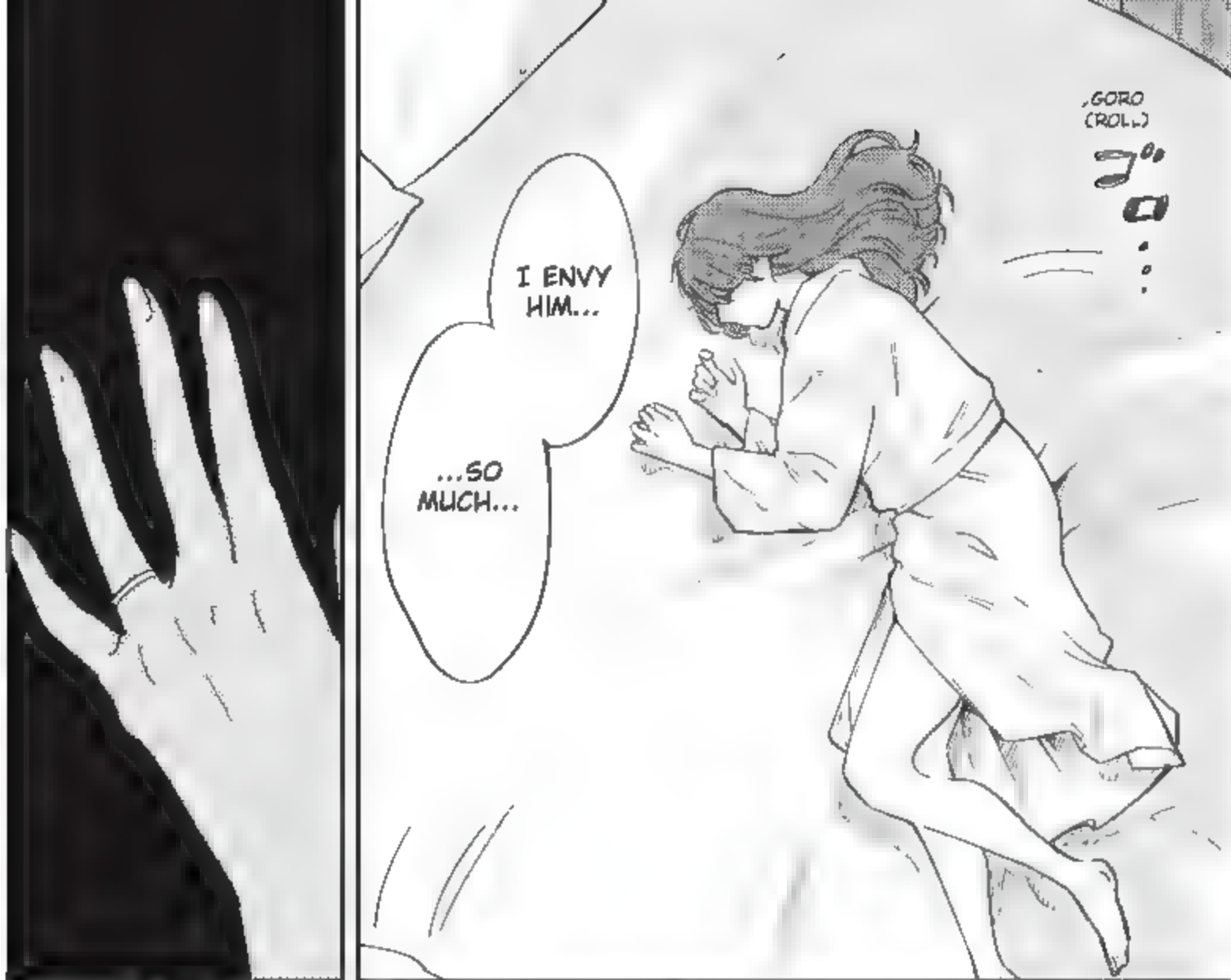
...  
YOU'RE  
SURPRIS-  
INGLY  
...















YOU'RE  
SUCH A  
CAUTIOUS  
PERSON...

...THAT  
IF I TOLD  
YOU THESE  
THINGS,  
YOU WOULD  
SURELY  
LEAVE ME.



WHAT CAN I  
DO TO MAKE  
YOU MINE,  
AND MINE  
ALONE?



LOOK  
AT ME.  
ONLY  
ME...

...IN  
MIDDLE  
SCHOOL.



I MET  
MY FIRST  
LOVE...

SHE WAS  
MY KIND,  
QUIET  
JAPANESE  
TEACHER.



...RECOMMEND  
SO MANY  
BOOKS TO  
YOU BEFORE I  
LEAVE TO GET  
MARRIED.

I'M  
GLAD I  
COULD...



FUJIMURA-SAN,  
YOU'RE QUITE  
FOND OF  
BOOKS, AREN'T  
YOU?



I ASKED OUT  
SUGIMOTO-  
KUN, AND HE  
SAID YES!  
I CAN'T  
BELIEVE IT!

SAORI!



IN  
COLLEGE,  
I LIKED  
AN OLDER  
GIRL IN MY  
SEMINAR  
CLASS.



IN HIGH  
SCHOOL,  
THERE  
WAS A  
GODDESS-  
LIKE OLDER  
GIRL IN MY  
CLUB.

YOU SHOULD  
HURRY UP  
AND GET A  
BOYFRIEND  
TOO,  
FUJIMURA.





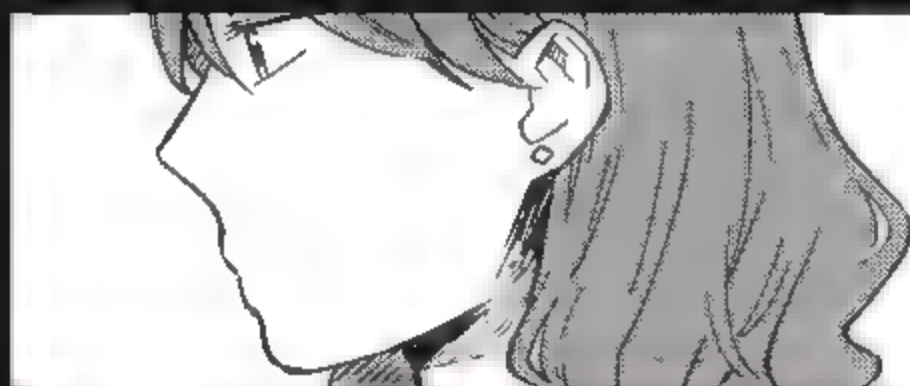
CONFESSING,  
BEING  
HEARTBROKEN,  
GETTING HURT...

IT PAINED ME  
THAT I COULDN'T  
EVEN HAVE THAT.



THAT'S  
GREAT!

CONGRATU-  
LATIONS!



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I WANT A  
NORMAL  
LIFE...

I CAN  
RELATE.

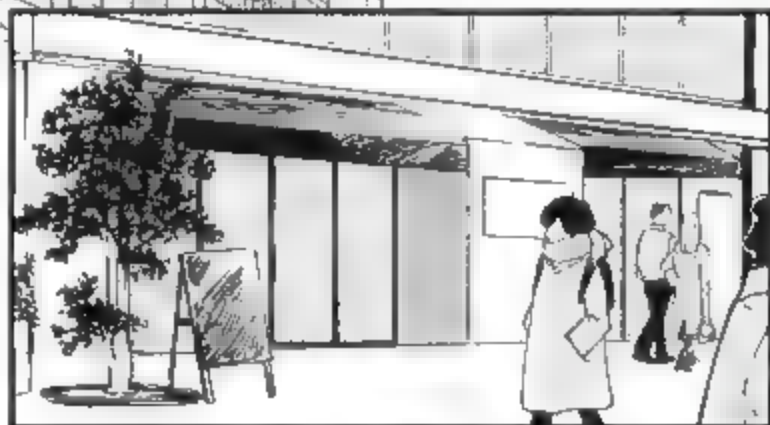
BEING ABLE  
TO CONFESS  
YOUR  
FEELINGS TO  
YOUR CRUSH  
LIKE THAT,  
WITHOUT  
A SECOND  
THOUGHT...

SO IF YOU  
WANT...  
MAYBE WE  
COULD...?



I'VE ALWAYS  
THOUGHT YOU  
WERE NICE,  
FUJIMURA-  
SAN.

...MUST  
BE  
NICE.







DON'T EXAGGERATE!

I'M PROUD THAT SOMEONE I JOINED WITH IS AMONG THE ELITE.



MUST BE TOUGH, BUT KEEP AT IT!

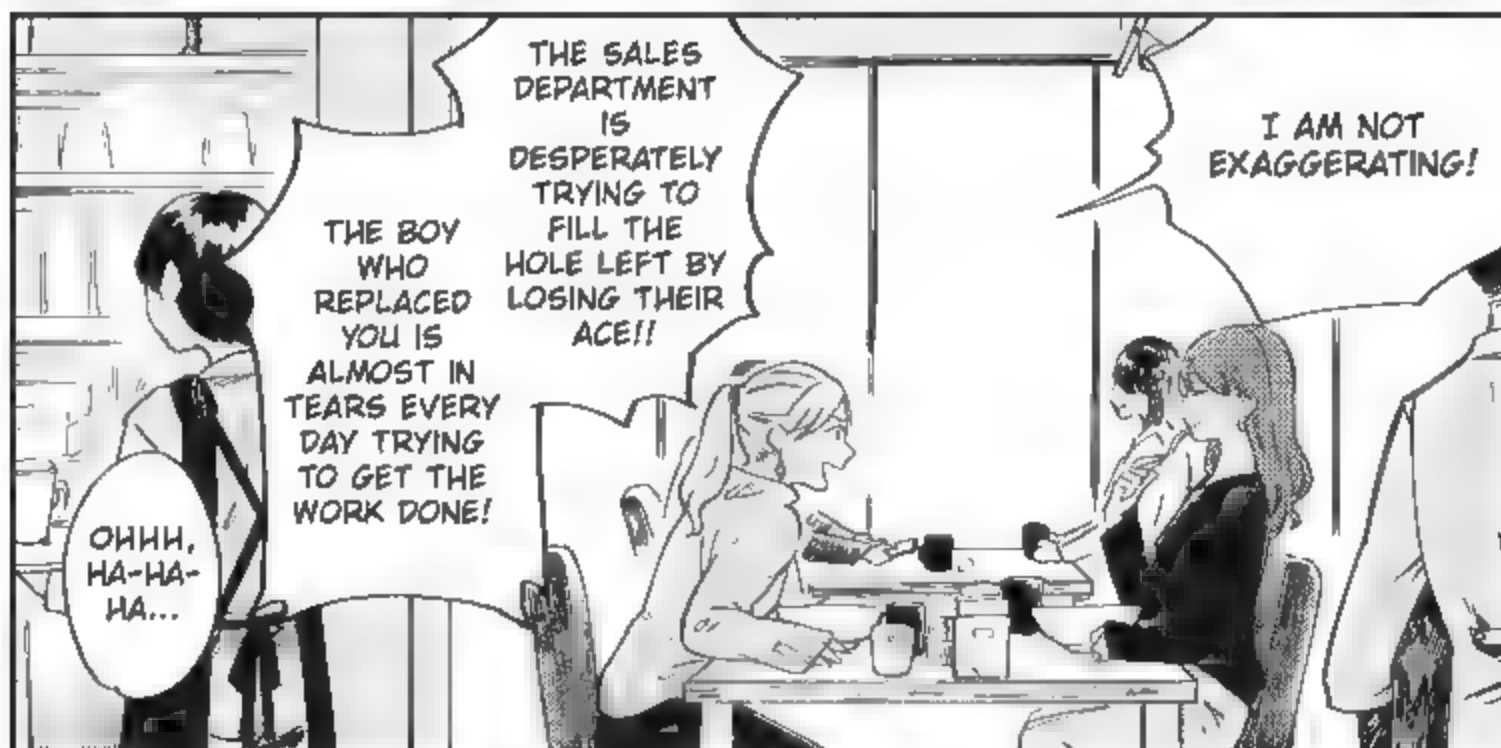
I'M ROOTING FOR YOU!



...BUT THE OTHERS GET EVERYTHING DONE QUICKLY AND HEAD HOME. IT STRESSES ME OUT.

HMM...I'M NOT USED TO THE WORK YET, SO IT TAKES ME A WHILE...

WHAAAT? EVEN YOU...?



THE SALES DEPARTMENT IS DESPERATELY TRYING TO FILL THE HOLE LEFT BY LOSING THEIR ACE!!

THE BOY WHO REPLACED YOU IS ALMOST IN TEARS EVERY DAY TRYING TO GET THE WORK DONE!

I AM NOT EXAGGERATING!

OH HH, HA-HA-HA...



...YEAH.

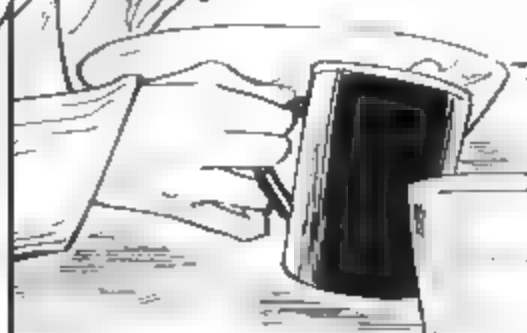


ARE YOU GETTING ALONG WELL?

THAT REMINDS ME, YOU SAID YOUR BOSS IS A WOMAN ...?

AH! =

WELL... POACHING AN ACE WORKER IS JUST WHAT YOU'D EXPECT FROM PLANNING.













...BE  
HAPPIER  
IF THIS WAS  
JUST A  
NORMAL  
ONE-SIDED  
CRUSH...

...LIKE  
ALWAYS?

THREE  
MONTHS  
AGO

I'LL GET  
ISHIYAMA-SAN  
TO CHECK IT  
TOMORROW  
MORNING.

IF THIS ANALYSIS  
IS RIGHT, I FEEL  
LIKE WE'RE GOING  
TO MISS OUR  
TARGET...

H  
M  
M...

AND THEN  
MAYBE  
CHIEF WILL  
PRAISE  
ME...

CHIEF...

U  
G  
H

I'D LIKE TO  
THINK I'M  
DOING MY BEST  
CONSIDERING I  
TRANSFERRED  
SIX MONTHS  
AGO...

...BUT I  
WANT TO  
START  
PRODUCING  
RESULTS.



KON  
(THUNK)



...BUT I'M  
SUCH A BAD  
PERSON...



I GOT SO  
LUCKY...

I CAN'T BELIEVE  
I GET TO WORK  
UNDER SUCH  
A WONDERFUL  
PERSON.



CH—...



BA  
(SHOCK)



YOU'RE  
WORKING HARD.



OO  
OO  
OO  
NIKO  
(SMILE)

CHIEF...!?









SO YOU  
DON'T NEED  
TO STRESS  
YOURSELF OUT  
SO MUCH.

...AND HAVE  
YOUR EFFORTS  
PROPERLY LEAD  
TO RESULTS.

FUJIMURA-  
SAN, YOU'RE  
THE KIND OF  
PERSON WHO  
CAN PUT IN  
THE WORK  
TO REACH A  
GOAL...



...BUT THERE  
WILL ALWAYS  
BE SOMEONE  
WHO SEES  
HOW HARD  
YOU TRY,  
FUJIMURA-  
SAN.

THAT'S  
NOT  
TRUE...

...NOTHING  
GETS PAST  
YOU, DOES IT?



I WISH...

...I COULD  
SAY I  
DID...



...DID YOU  
INVITE ME  
HERE IN THE  
HOPE OF  
MAKING ME  
CRY?

THANK  
YOU.



AND I'M  
ONE OF  
THOSE  
PEOPLE.





DO YOU REALLY...

...MANAGE  
OUR LIVES  
IN THAT  
MUCH  
DETAIL?

...I KNOW WE  
KEEP YOU BUSY,  
BUT DO YOU  
HAVE A GOOD  
WORK-LIFE  
BALANCE TOO?

IF YOU SAY  
NO, I MIGHT  
THINK ABOUT  
CUTTING YOUR  
WORKLOAD.

I WANTED TO  
HEAR ABOUT  
YOUR LIFE  
OUTSIDE OF  
WORK.



I JUST  
THOUGHT  
I'D ASK.

HMM,  
NOT  
REALLY.

DON'T  
YOU  
THINK  
THAT'S  
MEAN?

HA  
HA  
HA  
HA!



YOU  
WERE  
BEING  
SO  
KIND...

YOU'RE  
TRYING TO  
GET ME  
TO SAY  
SOMETHING  
BAD BY  
MISTAKE!

MAYBE?

SO  
MEAN!



...IT SEEMS  
LIKE MOST  
RELATIONSHIPS  
JUST AREN'T  
MEANT TO BE,  
YOU KNOW?

...AND ONCE  
YOU BECOME  
AN ADULT...

I'VE...  
ALWAYS  
JUST HAD  
ONE-SIDED  
CRUSHES...

...THAT I  
STUPIDLY  
SAID TOO  
MUCH.



I THINK  
THERE WAS  
SOMETHING  
WRONG  
WITH ME  
THAT DAY.



YOU SAY  
THAT...  
...BUT YOU  
DON'T SEEM  
LIKE YOU  
WOULD HAVE  
TROUBLE  
FINDING  
SOMEONE,  
FUJIMURA-  
SAN.



I LOVE  
YOU,  
CHIEF.



I DON'T  
NEED  
TO FIND  
SOMEONE.

I...

KYU  
(CLENCH)



I  
REALLY  
DO LOVE  
YOU...

GATA  
(CLATTER)

711  
9



IT'S TRUE,  
THOUGH...



YOU MUST  
BE QUITE  
DRUNK,  
FUJIMURA-  
SAN.

WHY,  
THANK  
YOU.



WHAT DID  
SHE SAY  
IN REPLY  
THAT DAY?

WHY DID  
SHE COME  
WITH  
ME TO A  
HOTEL?



I DON'T  
MIND IF YOU  
DON'T HAVE  
SERIOUS  
FEELINGS  
FOR ME...

...OR  
EVEN  
IF IT'S  
JUST  
FOR  
FUN...

...SO  
WILL YOU  
JOIN ME  
TONIGHT...?





FUJIMURA-  
SAN...

MY  
MEMORY  
IS  
FUZZY.

THE ONLY  
THINGS I  
REMEMBER  
CLEARLY  
ARE HER  
SUPPLE, WHITE  
BODY AND  
HER SWEET  
WARMTH.



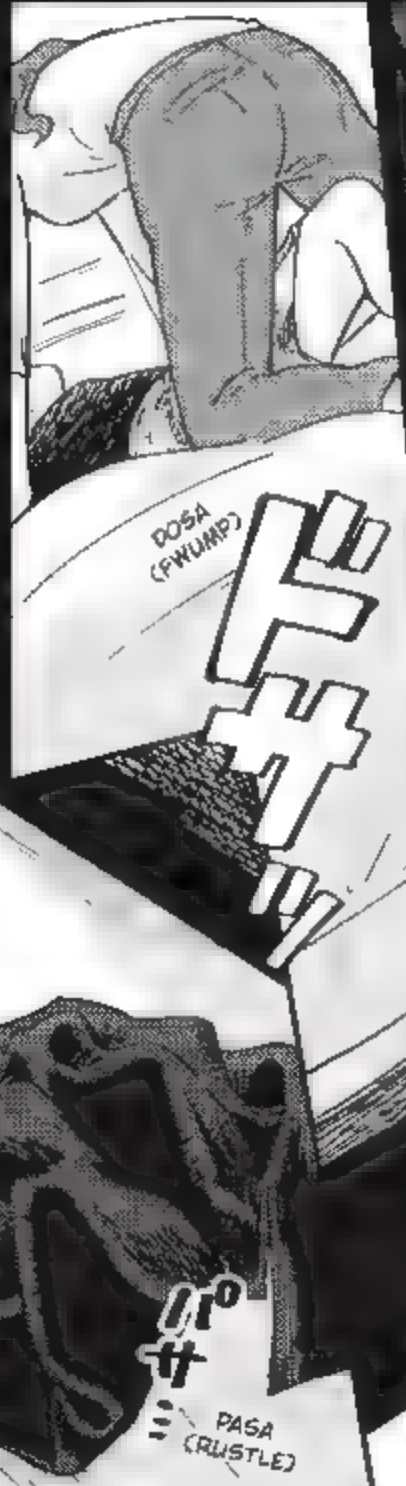
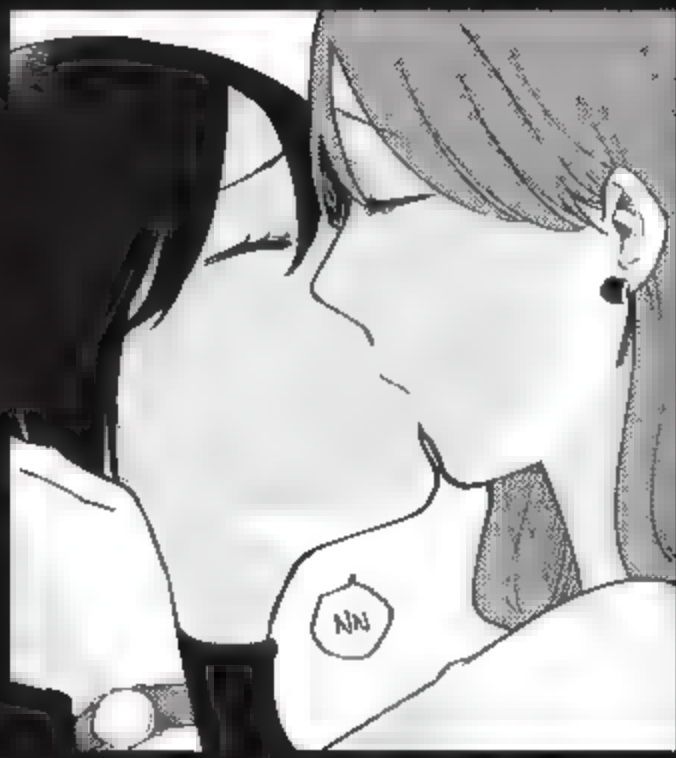
THIS KIND  
OF THING,  
WE REALLY  
SHOULDN'T...

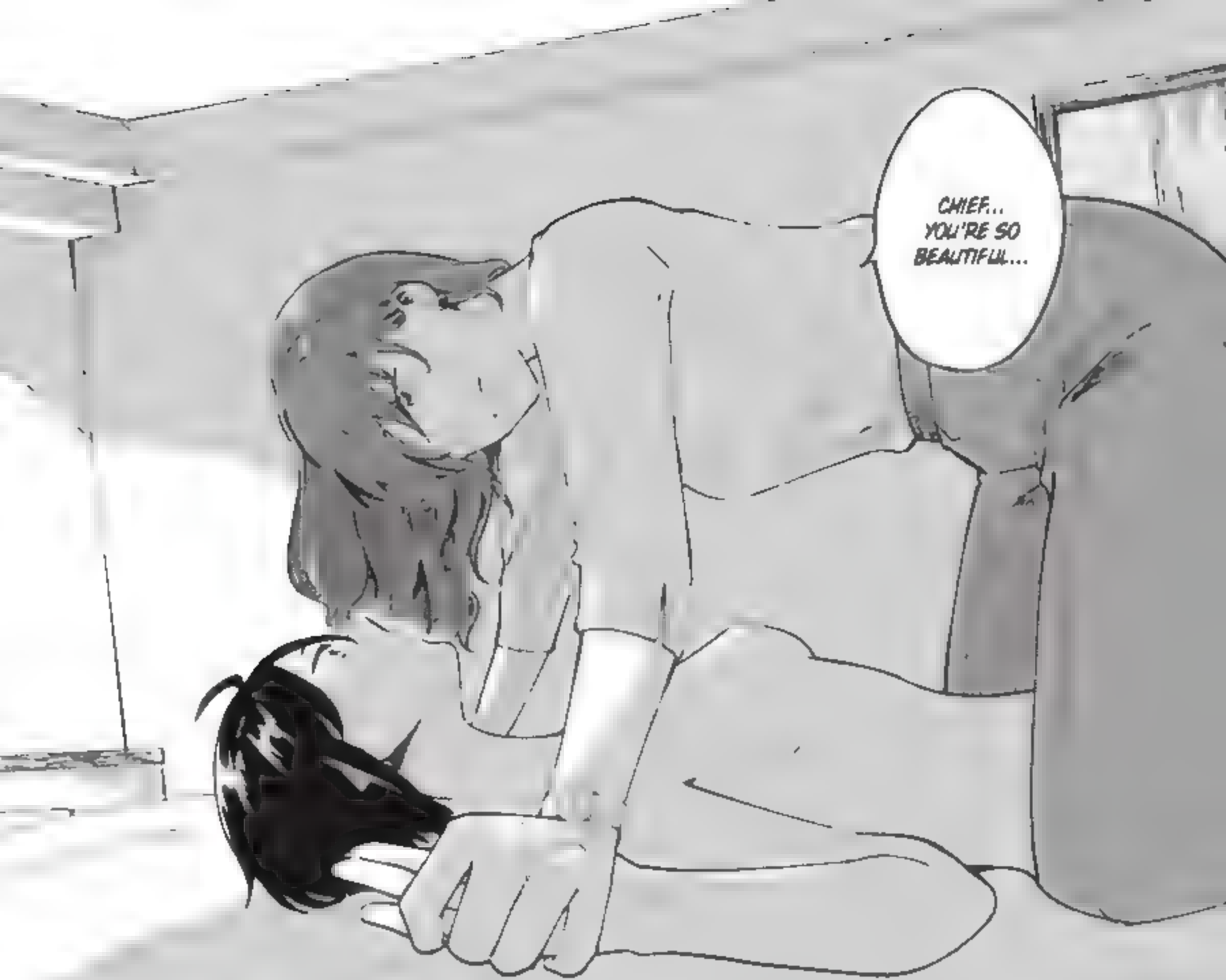
ARE YOU  
NERVOUS?



LOOK AT  
ME.








CHIEF...  
YOU'RE SO  
BEAUTIFUL...



I MIGHT  
NEVER GET  
ANOTHER  
CHANCE TO  
TOUCH YOU  
LIKE THIS.

SO I  
MIGHT  
AS  
WELL...





I'LL MAKE IT  
SO GOOD FOR  
YOU.

...MAKE  
SURE YOU  
NEVER  
FORGET IT.



WHAT  
IS THAT  
LOOK IN  
YOUR  
EYES?



...ANTICIPA-  
TION—...?



CONFUSION?  
CURIOSITY?  
OR...



...YOU  
CAME  
AGAIN.

WAIT...

I'M...  
AH...



AH.

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GYU  
(GRIP)

FUJIMURA-  
SA...



COULD  
YOU STOP  
CALLING ME  
THAT?

...HEY.

PERO  
CLICKO  
グ

DO YOU  
GET TURNED  
ON EASILY,  
CHIEF?

HAA..

HAA..

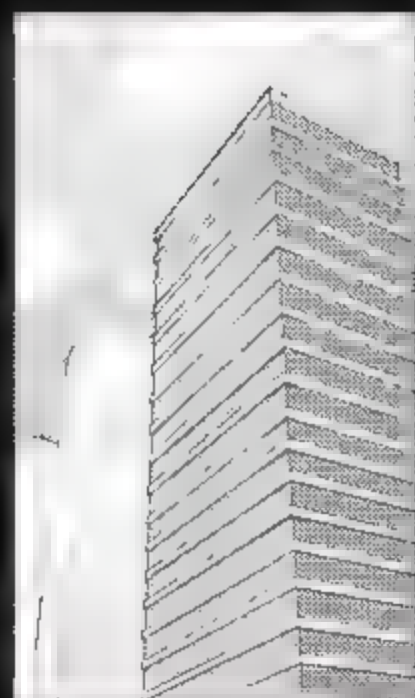


AYAKO-SAN.

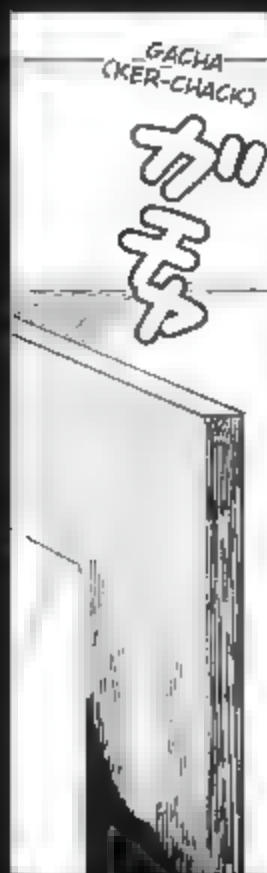
KYU  
(GRAB)

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グ

...OKAY.







I'M NOT GOING TO BE SUED OR ANYTHING, RIGHT...?

IT WAS CONSENSUAL, FOR ONE THING.

WHAT MUST SHE THINK OF ME?

I MAY HAVE BROUGHT THIS ON MYSELF, BUT HOW ON EARTH AM I SUPPOSED TO LOOK HER IN THE EYE...?

KATSU (CLICK)

KOTSU



I ENDED UP HAVING MY WAY WITH CHIEF LAST NIGHT...



THANKS FOR STAYING OUT SO LATE WITH ME LAST NIGHT.

HUH!?

G-GOOD MORNING...



MORNING, FUJIMURA-SAN.

CH-CHIEF...!



SHE'S THE SAME AS ALWAYS...

WHAT ...?

PLEASE TAKE ME TOO!

I'LL INVITE YOU NEXT TIME.



I'M SO JEALOUS!

DID YOU AND FUJIMURA-SAN GO FOR DRINKS TOGETHER!?

NARUSE-KUN.

OKAY,  
THAT'S A  
PROMISE!



IT'S BACK...  
TO BUSINESS  
AS USUAL  
— ...

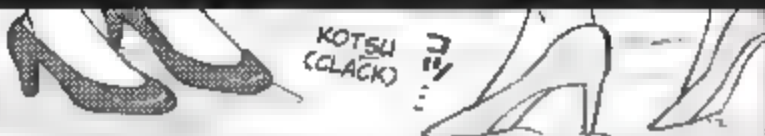


AHH, I  
SEE...

SHE'S  
DECIDED TO  
PRETEND  
NOTHING  
HAPPENED.



KOTSU  
(CLACK)



KOTSU

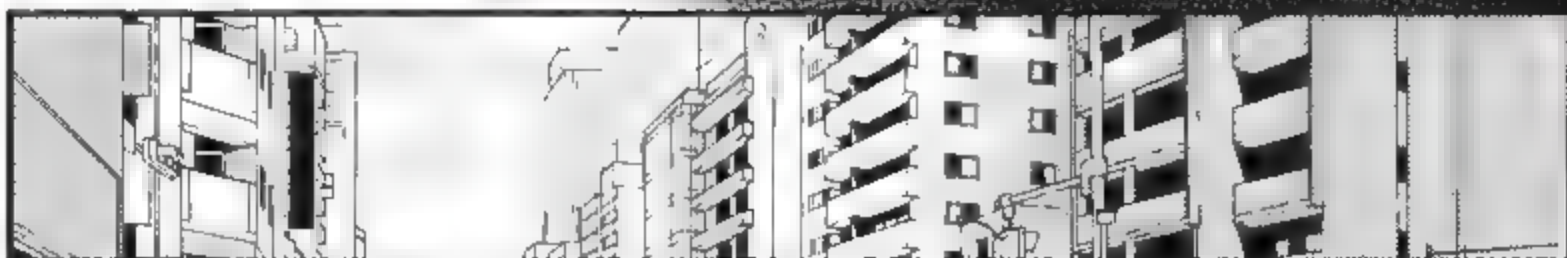
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IF YOU'D  
LIKE...

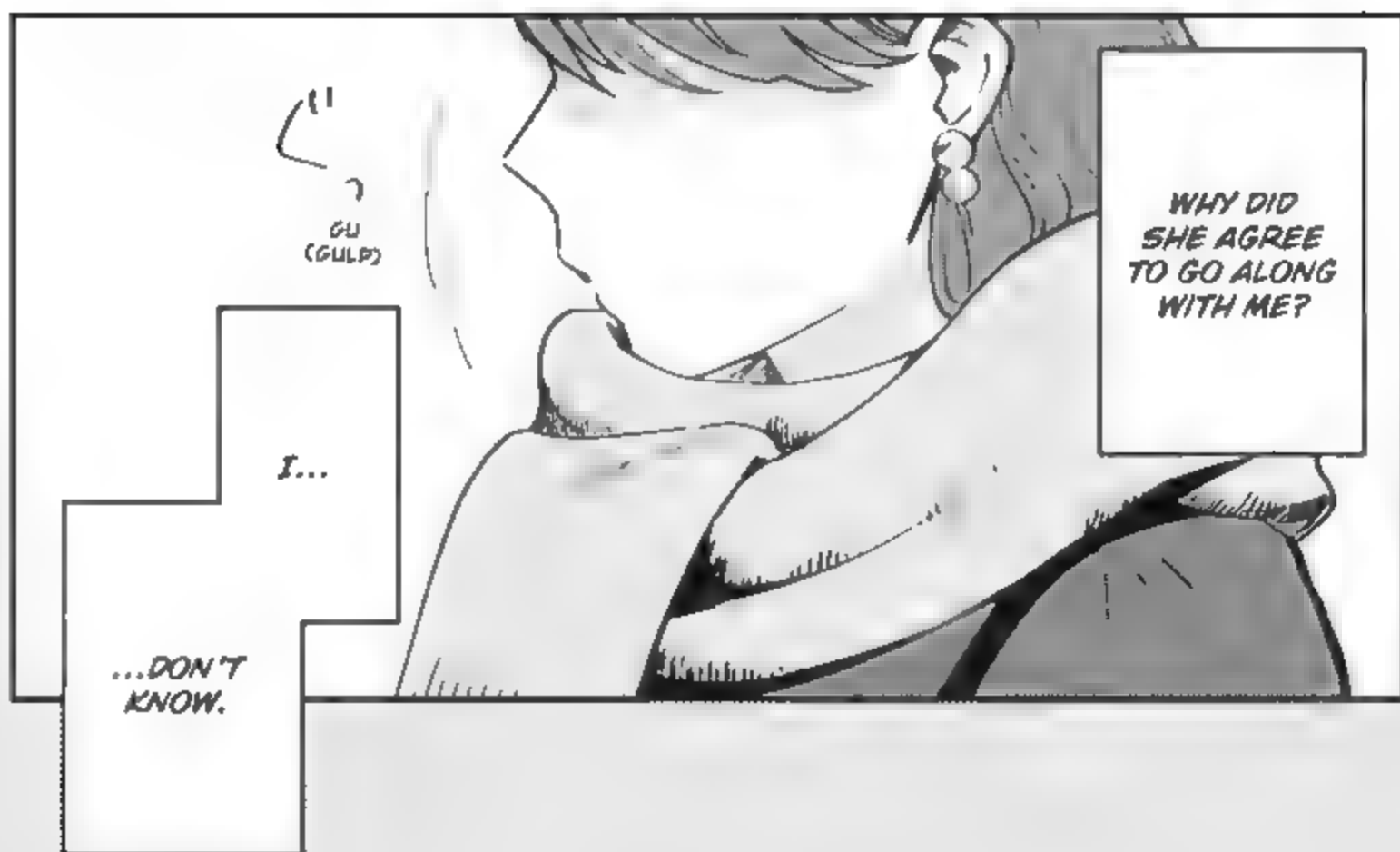
...LET'S  
GO OUT BY  
OURSELVES  
AGAIN  
SOMETIME.



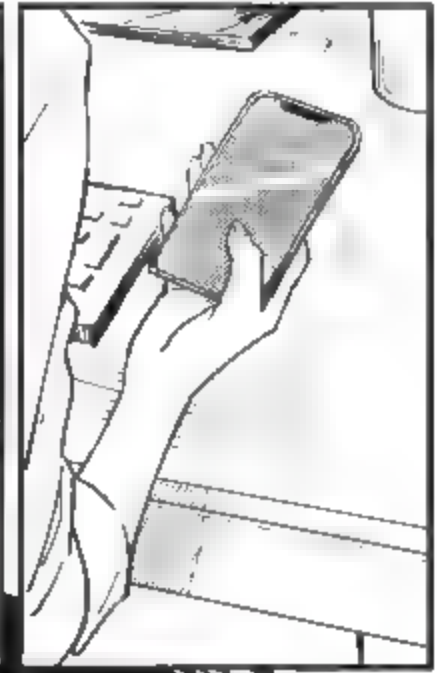
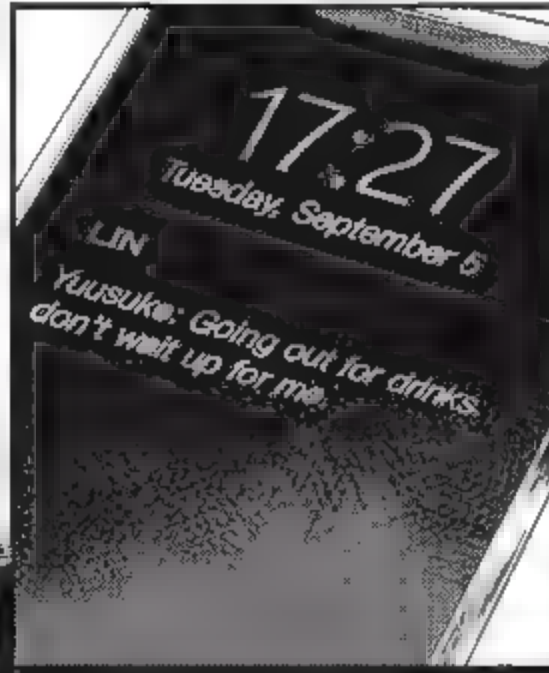








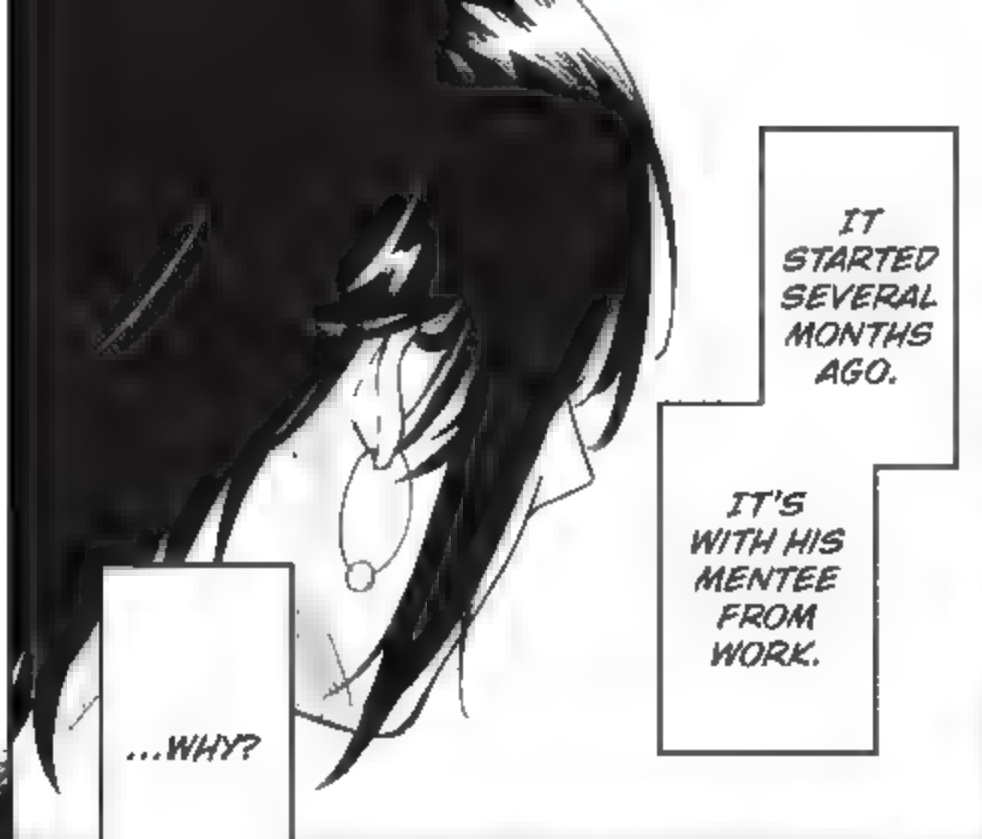
I Love You  
SO MUCH  
I Hate You



Chapter 3: Ironically

MY HUSBAND  
IS CHEATING  
ON ME.





IT  
STARTED  
SEVERAL  
MONTHS  
AGO.

IT'S  
WITH HIS  
MENTEE  
FROM  
WORK.

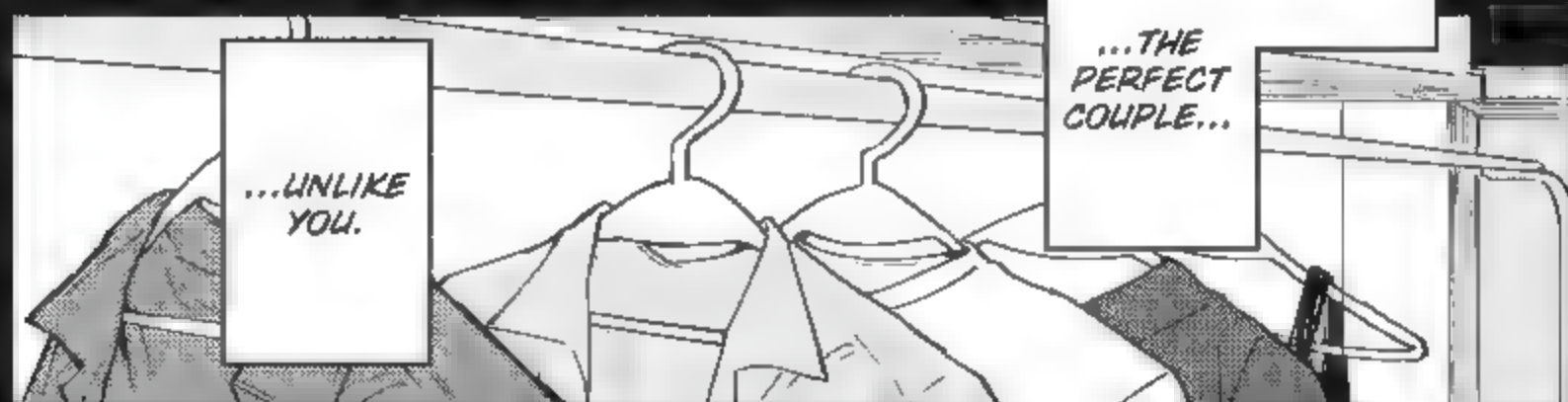
...WHY?



KOTO  
(THUD)



I'VE  
ALWAYS  
WORKED  
HARD TO  
MAKE  
US...



...UNLIKE  
YOU.

...THE  
PERFECT  
COUPLE...



I GUESS  
YOU'RE NOT  
EVEN GOING  
TO OFFER  
TO DO IT  
YOURSELF.

KYU  
(SQUEAK)  
キユ



DON'T  
OVERDO IT  
IF YOU'RE  
TIRED FROM  
WORK.



WELL, I...

MOM, DUAL-INCOME COUPLES ARE COMMON THESE DAYS.



DO YOU PLAN TO KEEP WORKING, AYAKO-SAN?



HONEY, DID YOU MEAN WHAT YOU SAID JUST NOW...?



YOU WANT ME TO QUIT MY JOB WHEN WE HAVE CHILDREN?




WELL, IT WOULD BE HARD TO WORK AT THE SAME TIME, RIGHT?

...THE HARDEST THING IS TAKING CARE OF YOU.



BESIDES, UNTIL WE HAVE CHILDREN ...

...IT'S QUITE HELPFUL TO HAVE AYAKO WORKING TOO.



MY HUSBAND  
WAS A KIND  
AND GENTLE  
MAN, AND  
THERE WAS  
NOTHING  
WRONG WITH  
HIM ON PAPER.

IN FACT,  
BY ALL  
APPEARANCES  
WE WERE  
A NORMAL,  
HAPPY  
COUPLE.

I THOUGHT  
WE COULD  
BUILD A  
NORMAL  
FAMILY AS  
A GOOD  
WIFE AND  
GOOD  
HUSBAND.

I THOUGHT  
I COULD  
MAKE IT  
WORK  
WITH HIM.



...AND  
THEN ONE  
DAY A  
MOTHER.



JUST BY  
LETTING THE  
CIRCUM-  
STANCES  
TAKE THE  
LEAD...

...I WAS  
SUPPOSED  
TO BECOME  
A WIFE...





I ACCEPTED  
FUJIMURA-  
SAN'S  
INVITATION...



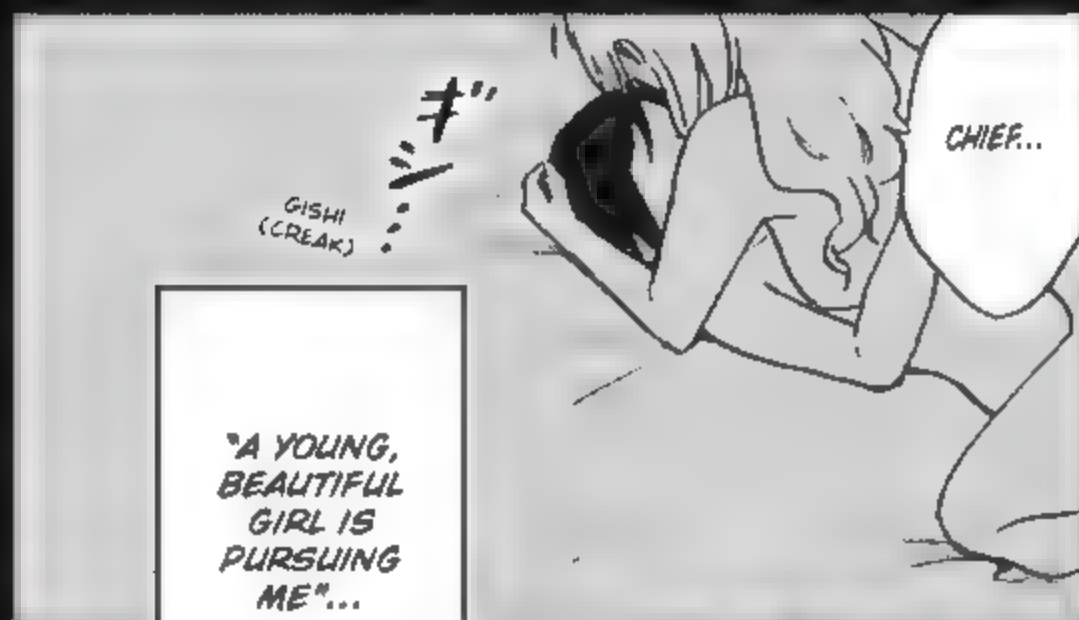
CHIEF...

...WILL YOU  
JOIN ME  
TONIGHT.....?



...THIS  
GIRL WHO  
SAID SHE  
LOVED  
ME...

...PARTLY  
OUT OF  
CURIOSITY  
ABOUT...



GISH!  
(CREAK)

CHIEF...

"A YOUNG,  
BEAUTIFUL  
GIRL IS  
PURSUING  
ME"...

...AND  
PARTLY  
TO GET  
REVENGE  
ON MY  
HUSBAND.



...THAT  
SORT OF  
PETTY  
REVENGE.




BECAUSE  
WE'RE  
BOTH  
WOMEN...

...IT  
HAS NO  
FUTURE.

YOU  
BETRAYED  
ME  
FIRST...

...BUT THIS  
IS DIFFERENT  
FROM YOUR  
AFFAIR.



I LOVE  
YOU.

EVERYTHING  
ABOUT YOU.

EVEN IF  
YOU'LL  
NEVER BE  
MINE...



NO  
FUTURE  
...

CHIEF...



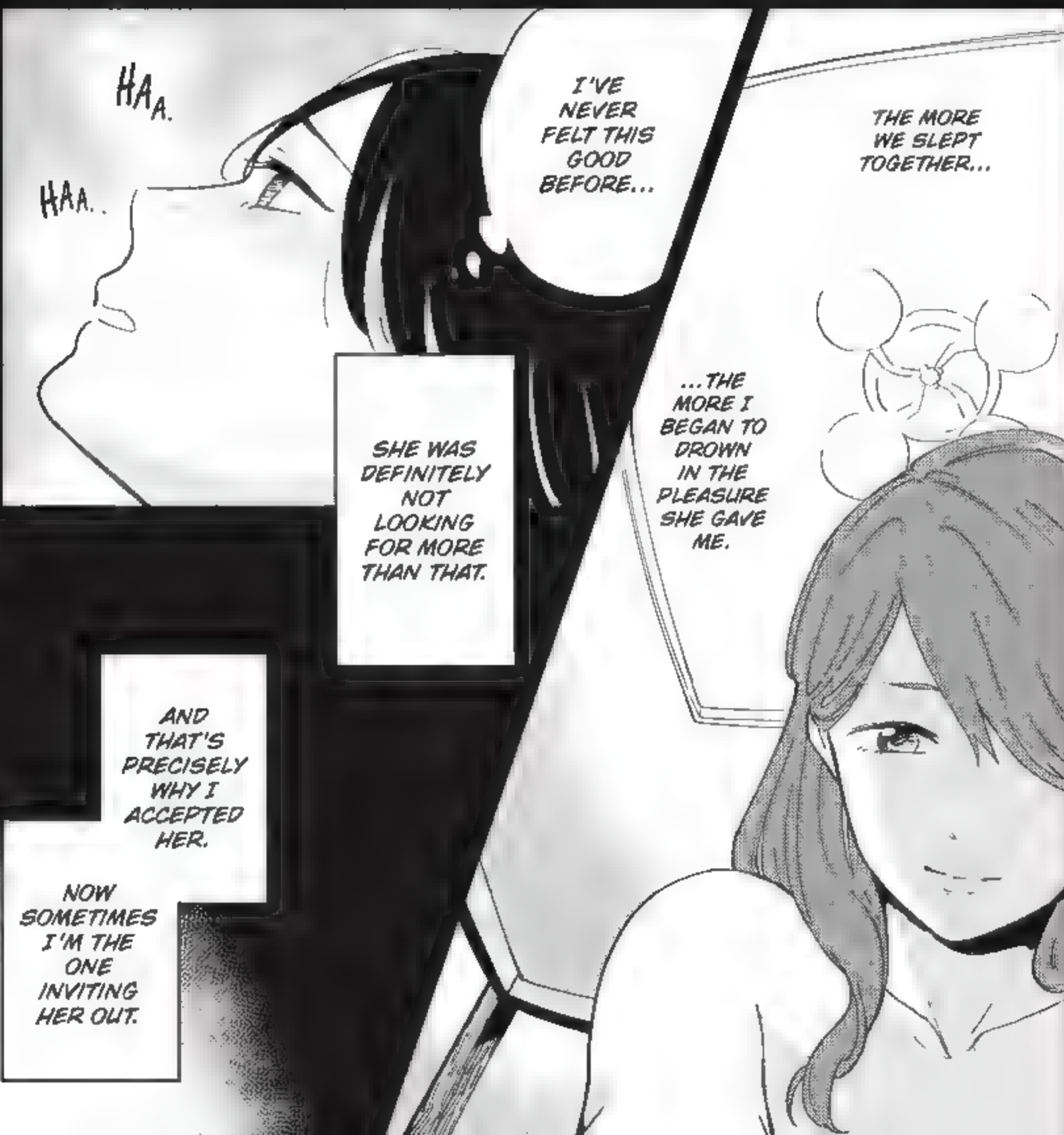
SHE WAS  
VERY  
ATTACHED  
TO ME...

SOMETIMES  
I WOULD  
GIVE HER A  
REWARD. IT  
WAS NO BIG  
DEAL.

I KNOW.

DON'T  
LEAVE A  
MARK.

...AND SHE  
PRODUCED  
SUCH GOOD  
RESULTS AT  
WORK THAT  
I DOTED ON  
HER.







IT'S UNUSUAL FOR YOU TO BE SO DISTRACTED.

I'M SO SORRY. I WAS LOST IN THOUGHT.

ARE YOU TIRED?



GASP

CHIEF ASANO?



...  
CONSIDER THE FUTURE WOULD BE SO COMFORTABLE ...

I NEVER KNEW THAT A RELATIONSHIP WHERE YOU DON'T HAVE TO...



IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE TO ADDRESS?

THANK YOU, NARUSE-KUN.

...SO I WILL GIVE A REPORT ON THE MARCH MARKET TRENDS NEXT TIME.



I'M OKAY. CONTINUE.



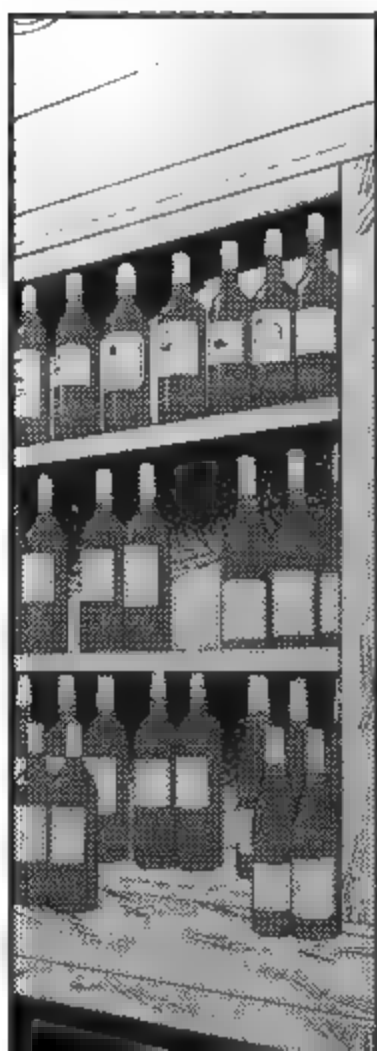
FROM HIM...?

"MY MOTHER WANTS US TO COME OVER FOR DINNER THIS WEEKEND."



...IF NOT, LET'S END THIS WEEK'S REGULAR MEETING HERE.

GOOD WORK, EVERYONE.



KARAN  
(CLINK)

11  
7

IT'S NOT  
YOUR FAULT,  
FUJIMURA-  
SAN.  
THAT'S  
FOR  
SURE.

IS  
THAT...?

TO BE  
HONEST,  
THINGS  
AREN'T GOING  
SO WELL  
WITH MY  
HUSBAND.

IT'S ALL  
BECOME  
ANNOYING  
LATELY. IN  
A LOT OF  
WAYS.

YOU'RE  
TOO KIND,  
FUJIMURA-  
SAN.

THAT'S  
NOT...

BUT IT'S  
BAD THAT IT'S  
GETTING IN THE  
WAY OF MY  
WORK, ISN'T  
IT...?

CHIEF...

...THIS  
TIME I  
SPEND  
WITH  
YOU.

...THAT'S  
WHY THE  
MOST FUN I  
HAVE THESE  
DAYS IS...





...YEAH.

KARA  
(CLINK)

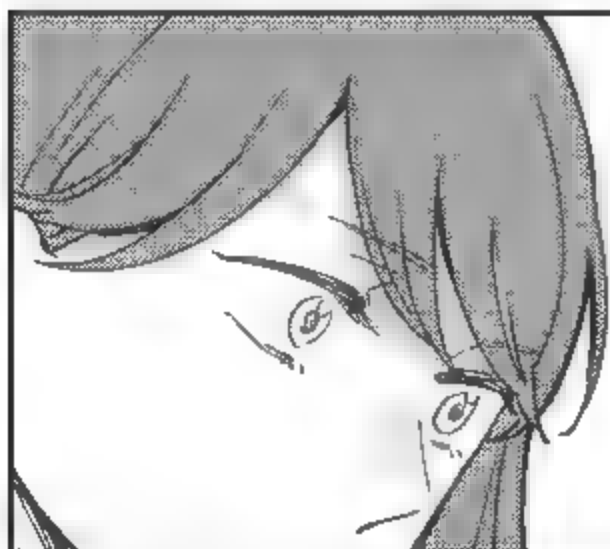


...YOU  
KNOW  
...?



I KNOW  
IT'S NOT MY  
PLACE TO  
INTERFERE  
IN THIS,  
BUT...

...I...DON'T  
THINK YOU  
SHOULD  
HAVE TO BE  
WITH YOUR  
HUSBAND IF  
YOU DON'T  
WANT TO...



...I CAN'T  
HAVE  
CHILDREN  
BY  
MYSELF.

...BUT...



...HEY.

DO YOU  
WANT TO GO  
ON A TRIP  
TOGETHER  
SOMETIME?



IT'S  
OKAY...

...AH, IT'S  
NO USE  
COMPLAINING  
TO YOU ABOUT  
THIS. SORRY,  
FUJIMURA-  
SAN.

THAT  
BEING SAID,  
WE'VE  
BARELY  
EVEN  
SPOKEN  
LATELY.



ARE YOU  
SURE? DOING  
SOMETHING SO  
EXTRAVAGANT  
ALL OF A  
SUDDEN...

WE'VE NEVER  
EVEN HAD A  
PROPER DATE  
ON A DAY OFF  
BEFORE!



WE COULD  
GO TO  
THE HOT  
SPRINGS,  
JUST THE  
TWO OF US.

YES!  
I'D  
LOVE  
TO...!!

WHA  
—?

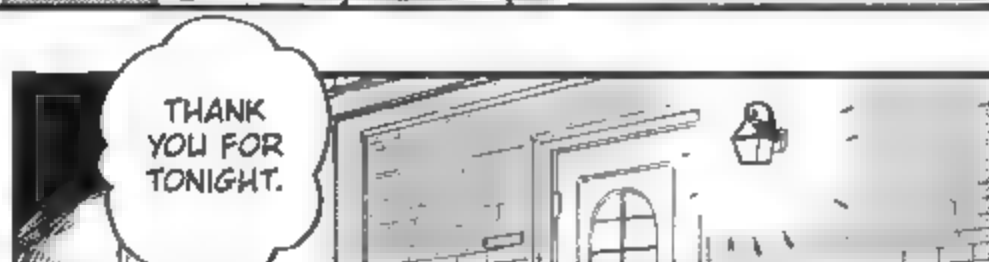


I'LL BE  
INCREDIBLY  
HURT IF  
YOU'RE  
JUST BEING  
POLITE!

FOR  
REAL?

FOR  
REAL.

AND YOU  
CAN ASK  
ME OUT ON  
A DAY OFF  
ANYTIME.



THANK  
YOU FOR  
TONIGHT.



HERE  
COMES A  
TAXI.

OH  
WELL!

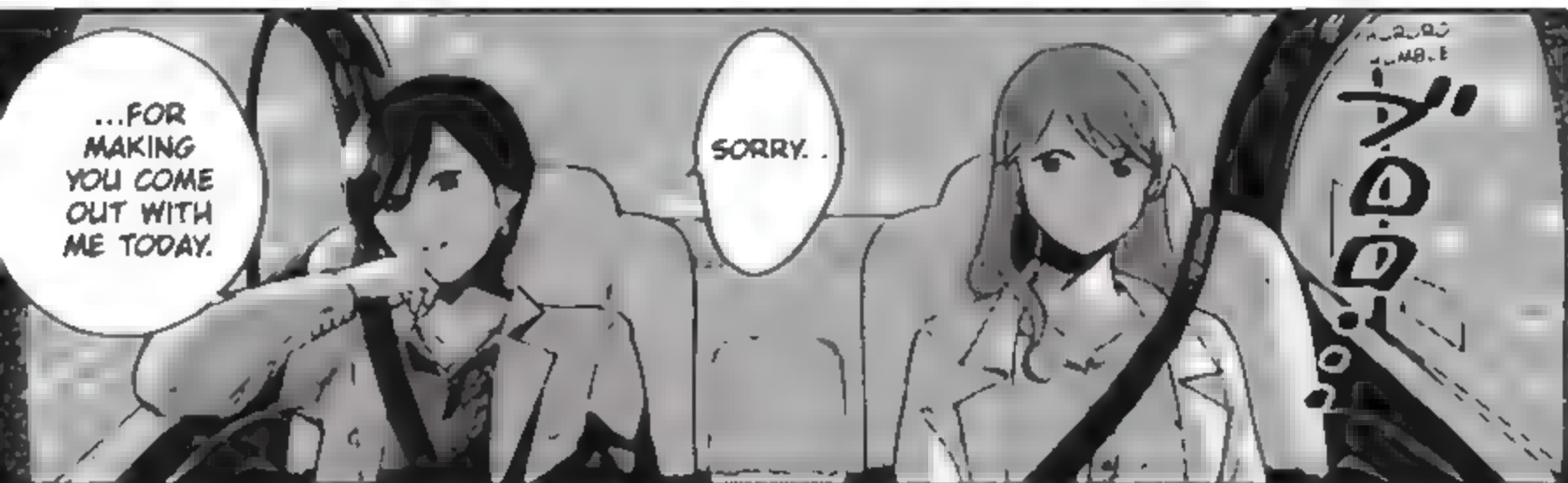
...THEN WE  
COULD GO  
STRAIGHT  
TO A  
HOTEL...

IF ONLY  
WE HAD  
TOMOR-  
ROW  
OFF...



THANK  
YOU.

IT'S LATE,  
SO I'LL  
DROP YOU  
OFF HALF  
WAY IN THE  
TAXI.









THIS...

...IS  
GOING TO  
MAKE ME  
CONCEIT-  
ED.

DOKUN  
(BA-DUMP)

...THAT YOU  
WANT ME TO  
STEAL YOU  
AWAY.

I'LL  
START  
TO  
THINK...



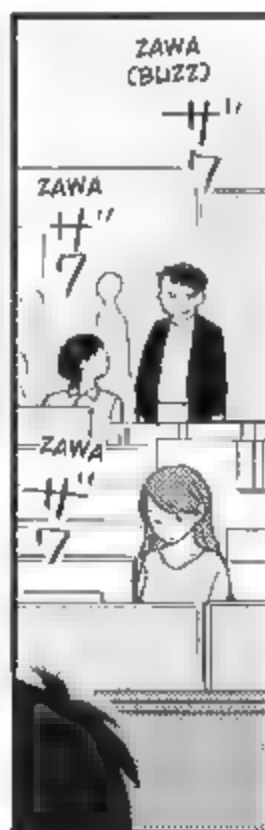
...HOWEVER  
YOU LOOK  
AT IT, SHE  
DEFINITELY  
CROSSED A  
LINE.

I CAN'T GET  
ANY WORK  
DONE. I KEEP  
REMEMBERING  
LAST NIGHT...

COULD IT BE  
THAT SHE  
ACTUALLY  
—...?



UGH...



ZAWA  
(BUZZ)

ZAWA

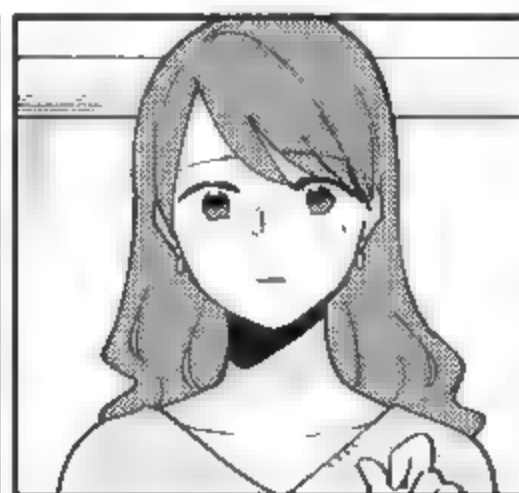
ZAWA



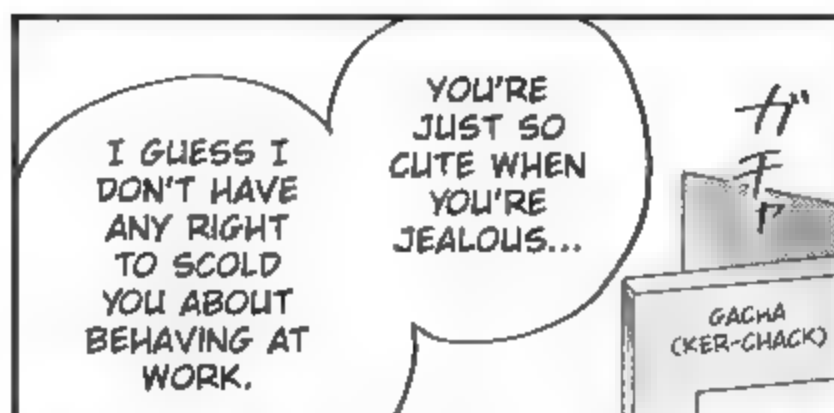
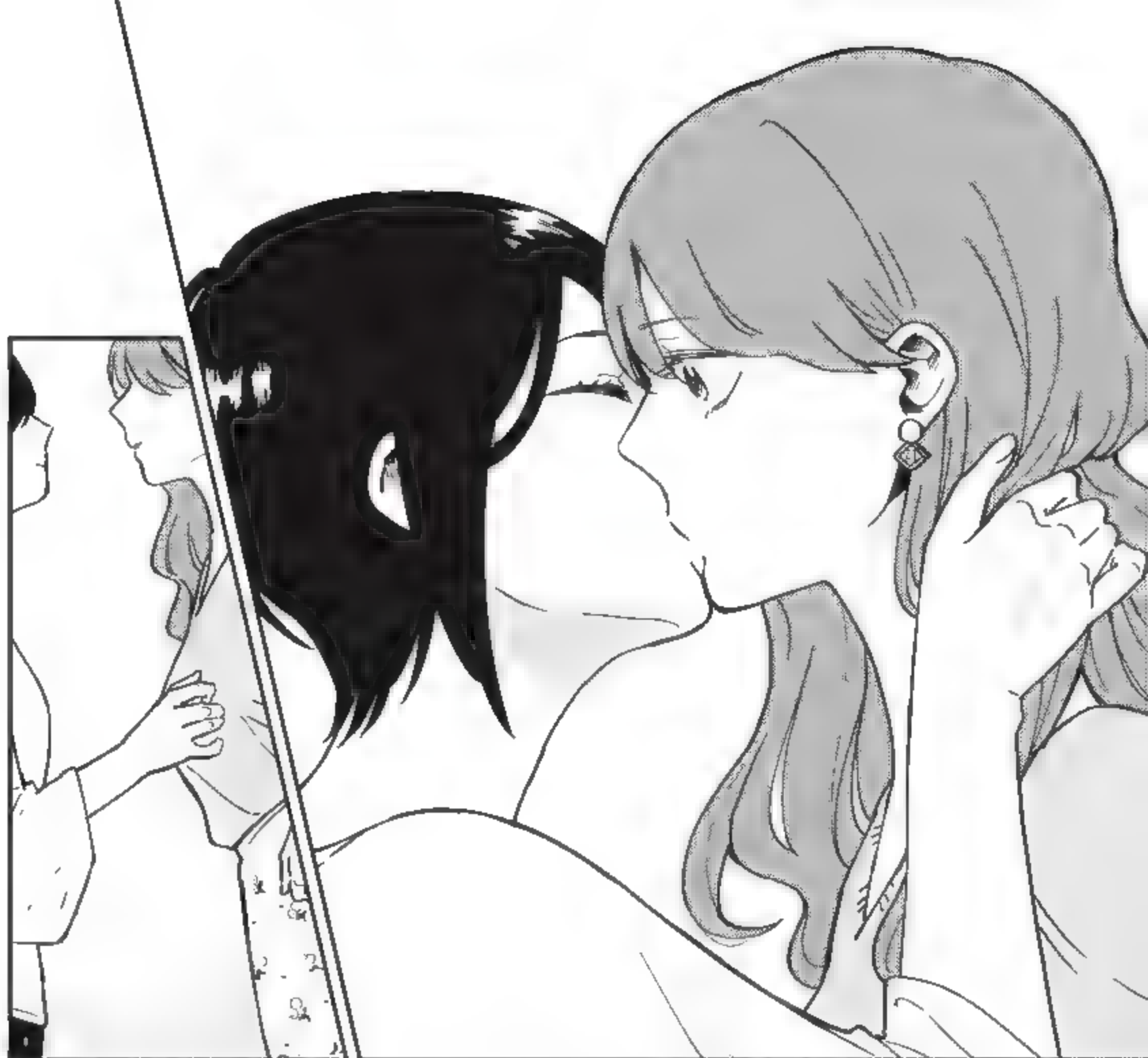












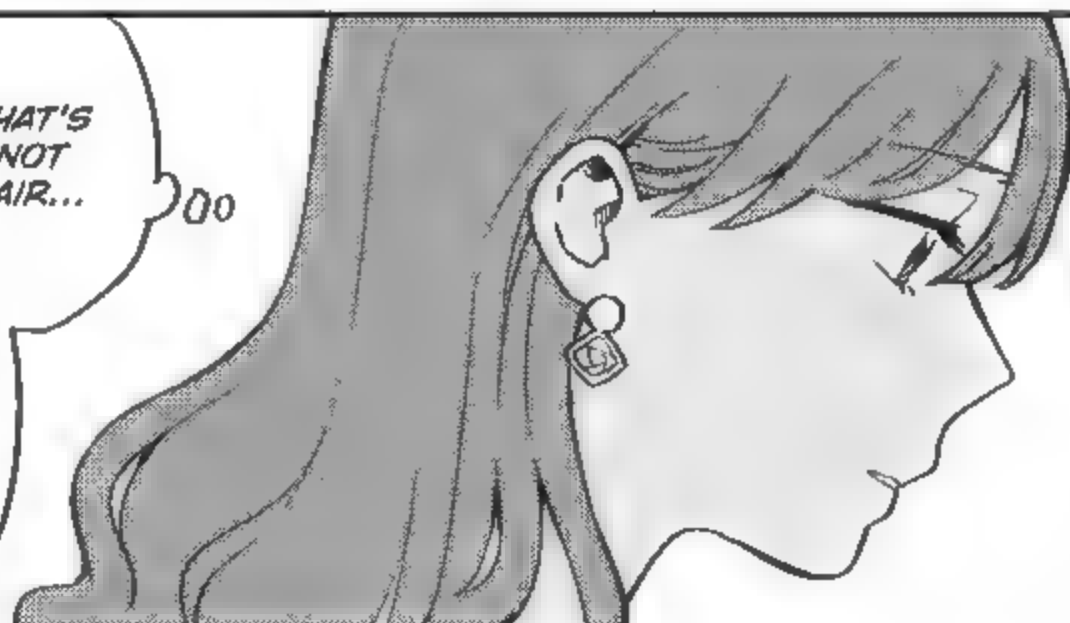
BATAN  
(SHUT)

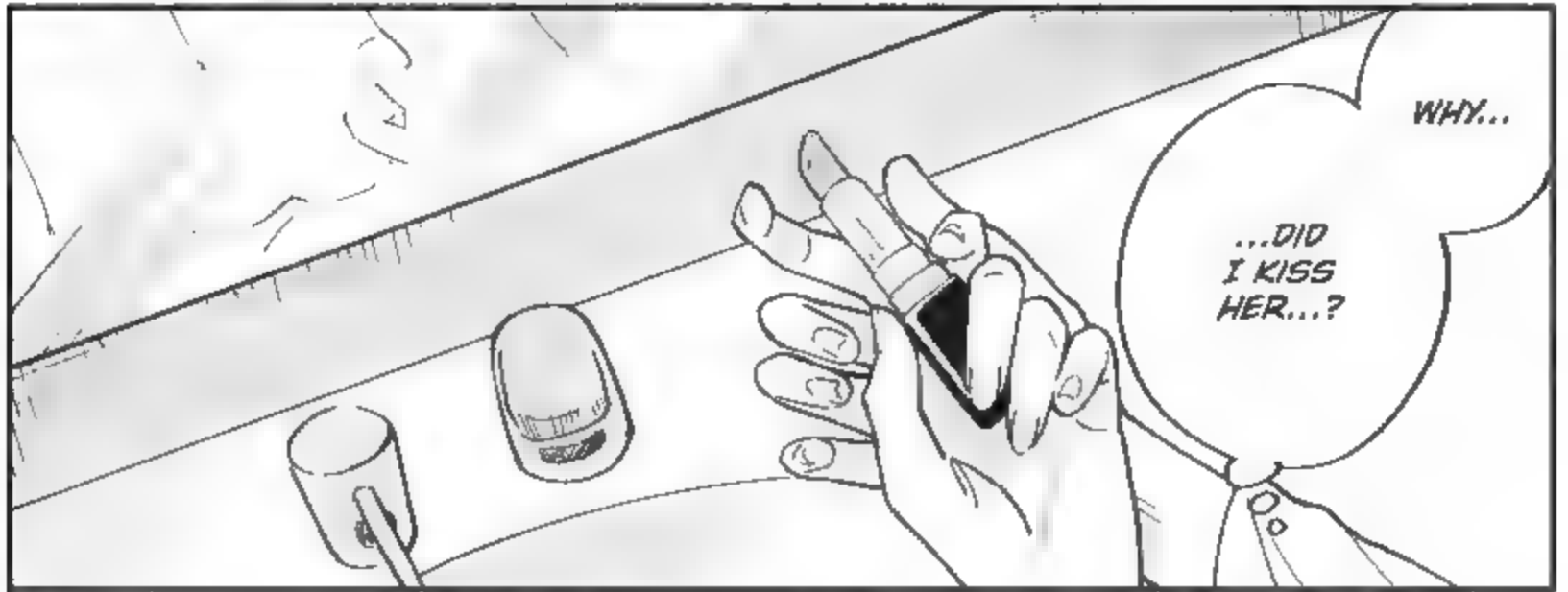


THAT'S  
NOT  
FAIR...

00

SHE MUST  
KNOW THAT  
DOING SUCH  
THINGS WILL  
JUST MAKE  
ME LOVE HER  
MORE.









EVEN IF  
I HAVE  
ACTUALLY  
FALLEN  
FOR HER,  
WHERE DO  
WE GO FROM  
THERE...?

HEH...



...THAT  
WOULD  
HAPPEN...

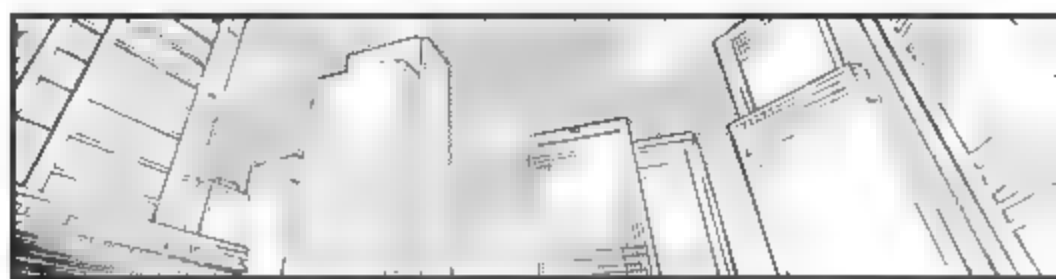
BUT  
THERE'S  
NO WAY...

I Love You  
SO MUCH  
I Hate You











SIGN: REALTY







IN THAT  
CASE...

SARA  
(SWISH)



YES...

YOU  
THINK...  
YOU  
MIGHT  
NOT HAVE  
CLOSED  
THE  
DEAL?



THAT'S  
TRUE...

OH...

...WE  
MIGHT NOT  
HAVE EVEN  
ENTERED THIS  
COMPETITION,  
WOULD WE?

...IF YOU  
HADN'T  
BEEN IN  
CHARGE  
OF THIS  
PROJECT...



...DON'T YOU  
THINK THAT'S  
REMARKABLE?

I THINK  
THAT'S WHY  
EVERYONE  
RELIES ON YOU  
SO MUCH AT  
WORK.

...BUT THERE  
ARE THINGS  
THAT ONLY  
YOU CAN DO.

YOU  
MIGHT NOT  
REALIZE IT,  
FUJIMURA-  
SAN...





YES.

I  
KNOW  
YOU  
CAN DO  
IT.



FOR YOU  
AND FOR  
EVERYONE ELSE  
SUPPORTING  
ME...!



KIDDING.  
EUE

NO!  
THAT'S  
NOT  
WHAT  
I...

YOU WERE  
FOCUSED ON  
SIGHTSEEING  
BEFORE SUCH  
AN IMPORTANT  
PRESENTATION?

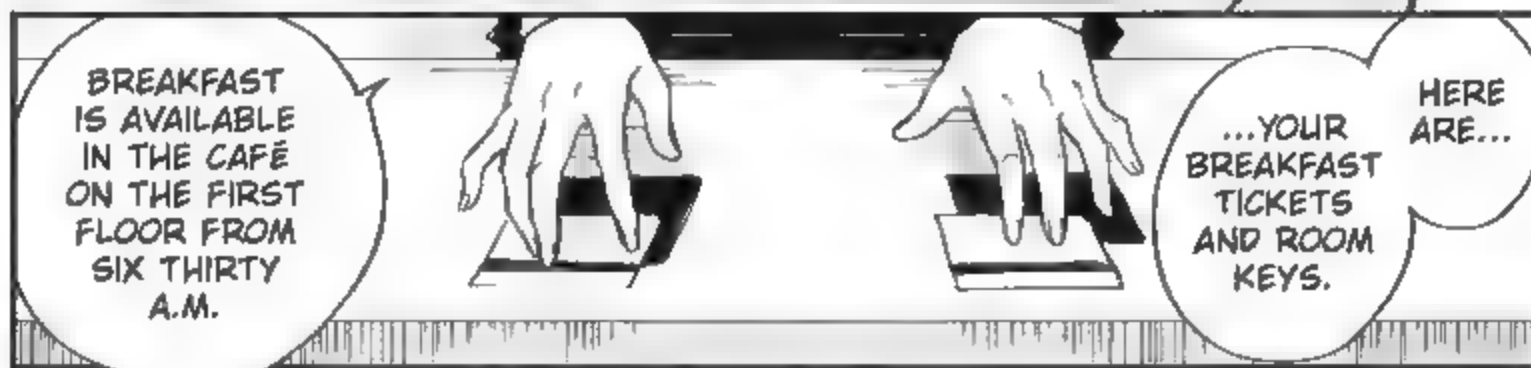


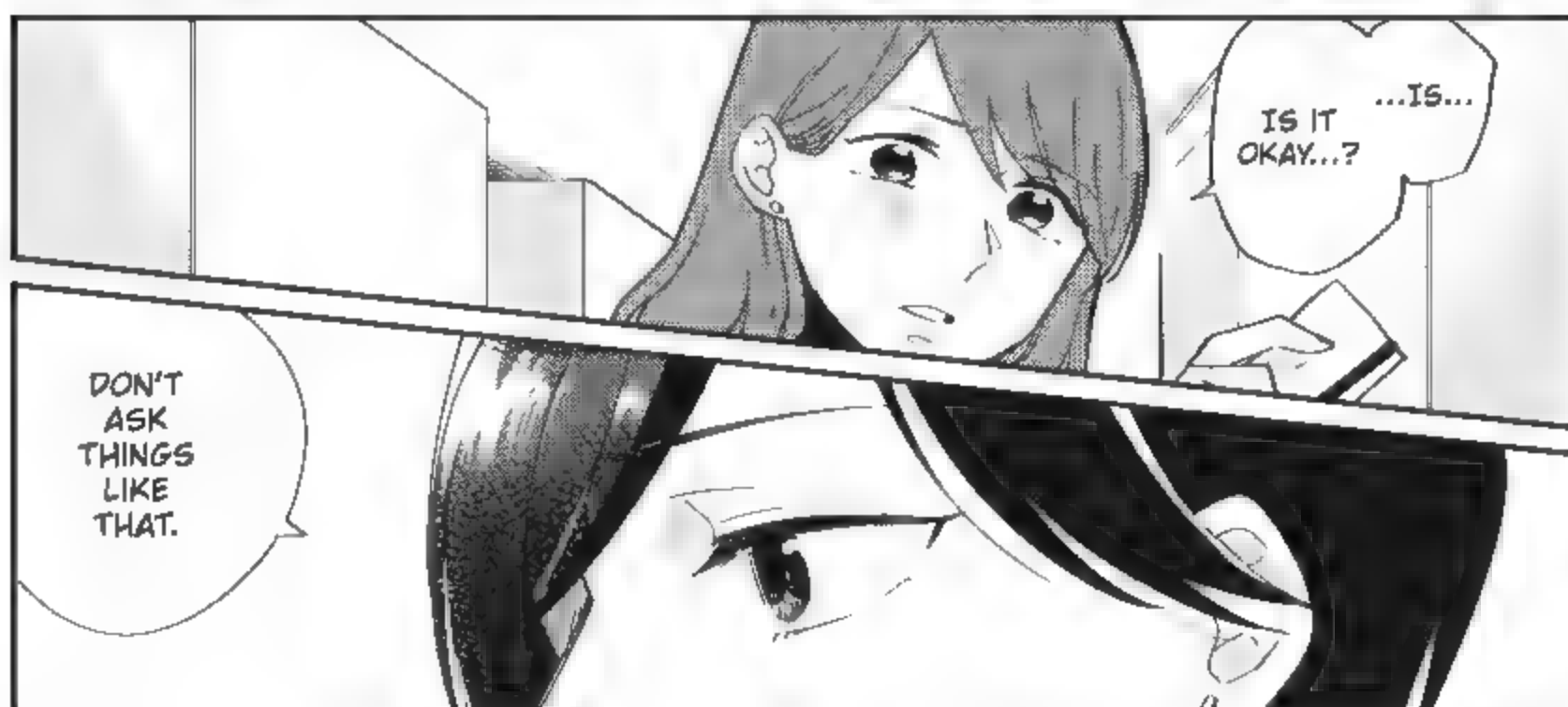
THERE ARE  
SOME PLACES  
I WAS  
HOPING TO  
GO WITH YOU  
IF WE HAD  
TIME!

YES!

...WELL,  
FIRST THINGS  
FIRST,  
SHALL WE  
CELEBRATE  
CLOSING  
THE DEAL  
TONIGHT?









ALL  
RIGHT.

I'LL BE  
WAITING.



I'LL COME <sup>UM</sup>  
OVER AS  
SOON  
AS I'VE  
TAKEN A  
SHOWER.



AM I  
DREAMING  
...?



BUT I  
DIDN'T  
THINK IT  
WOULD  
ACTUALLY  
BE  
USEFUL.

...I DID  
CUT MY  
NAILS  
BEFORE  
WE CAME.

...COME  
TO  
THINK  
OF IT...



WASHA  
(CRUSTLE)



KYU  
(SQUEAK)

DOES  
THIS  
MEAN I'M  
NOT THE  
ONLY ONE  
GETTING  
CAUGHT  
UP IN THE  
MOOD...?





I WONDER  
WHAT  
CHIEF IS  
DOING  
RIGHT  
NOW...

I CAN'T  
STOP  
SMILING  
...

MINI  
(RUB)



OUR  
FIRST  
NIGHT  
TOGETH-  
ER...

I NEVER  
THOUGHT  
SHE  
WOULD  
ASK ME  
FIRST...



I WONDER  
WHEN I  
LAST HAD  
THEM THIS  
SHORT.

POI  
(TOSS)



...ALL  
DONE.



KON  
(KNOCK)  
KON



NEED  
TO CALM  
DOWN...

GOSO  
ゴソ

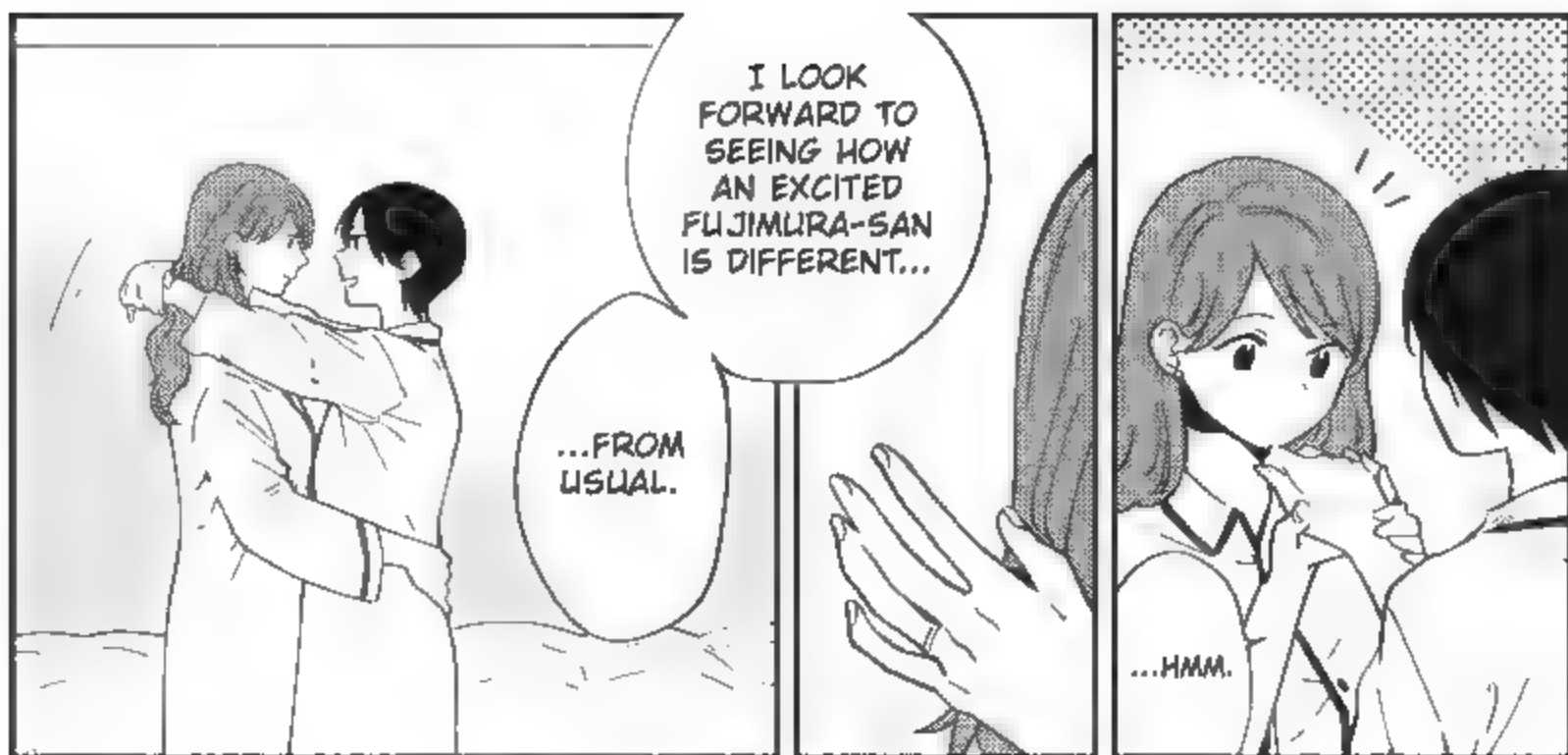
GOSO  
(CRUMMAGE)  
ゴソ

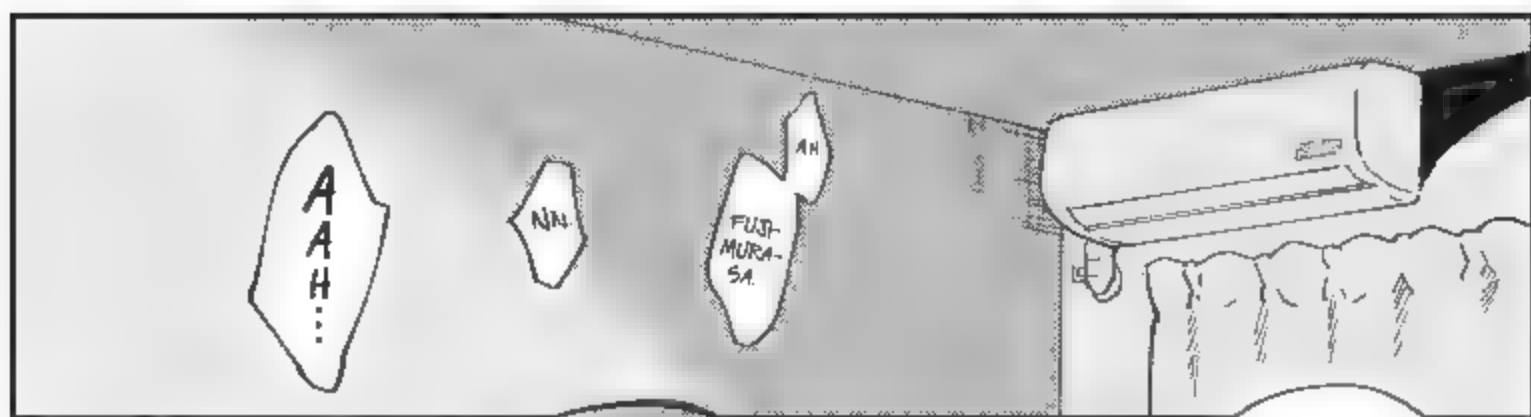
GUESS  
I'LL READ  
A BOOK OR  
SOMETHING...

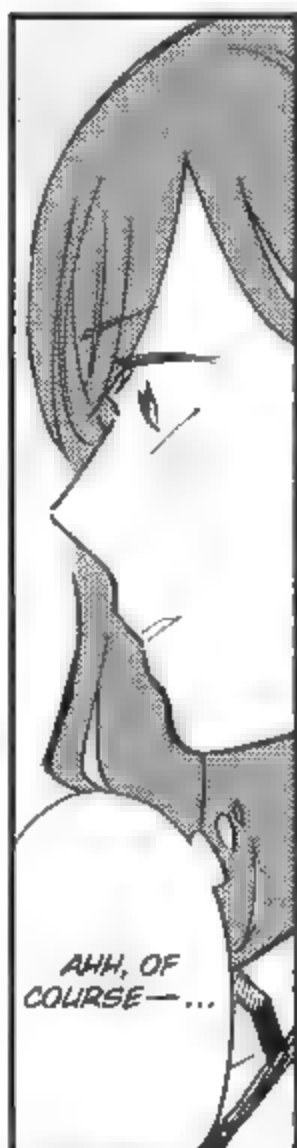














OH, SO  
IT'S MY  
FAULT?

PERO  
(CLICK)



KUCHU  
(CRUB)

AH..



YOU'RE  
ALREADY  
WET...

TOSA  
(FLUMP)

BECAUSE  
YOU'RE  
SO CUTE,  
AYAKO-  
SAN...

THIS HAS  
ALWAYS  
BEEN MY  
DREAM.

TO BE  
LOVED BY  
SOMEONE  
LIKE THIS.



ZOKU  
(TREMBLE)

I SAID I  
DIDN'T  
MIND JUST  
HAVING A  
PHYSICAL  
RELATION-  
SHIP...



I ALWAYS  
WANTED  
AYAKO-  
SAN TO  
LOVE ME.

...BUT  
THAT'S  
A TOTAL  
LIE.









WE  
RAVAGED  
EACH  
OTHER'S  
BODIES  
ALL NIGHT  
LONG.

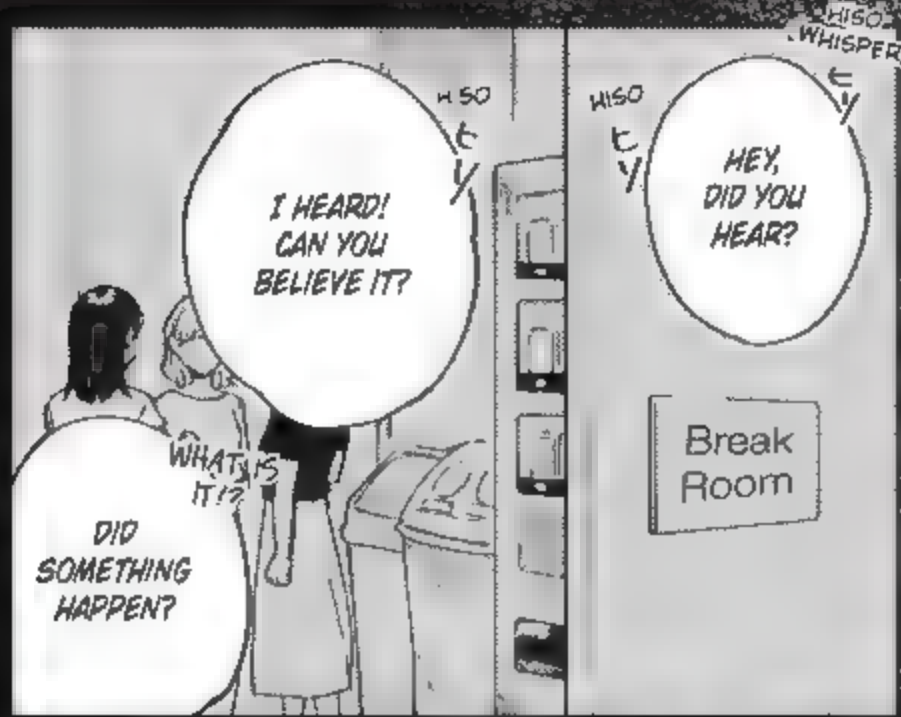
IF  
ONLY...

...THAT  
TIME  
COULD  
HAVE  
LASTED  
FOREVER.









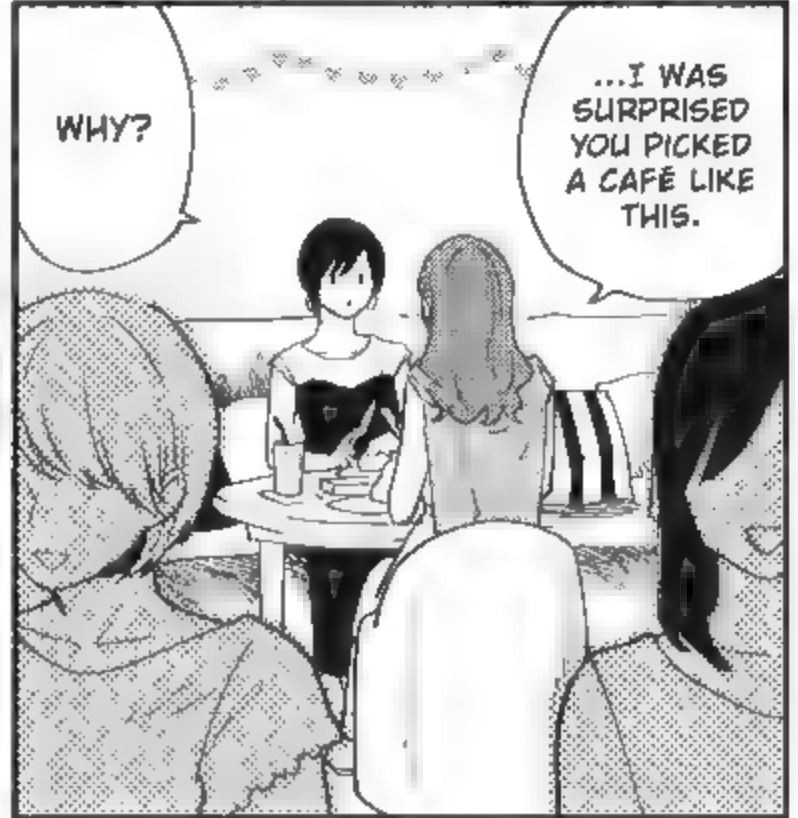
GYU  
(SQUEEZE)  
Huh...  
4

I Love You  
SO MUCH  
I Hate You

## Chapter 5: Trivial Doubts









...BUT YOU ALWAYS IMMEDIATELY WANT TO GO BACK TO YOUR PLACE.

YOU SAY THAT...

I FEEL LUCKY TO GET A DATE WITH YOU ON A DAY OFF.

A-A-H



...HMPH.

THIS IS THE ONLY TIME YOU'RE EVER SMOOTH.

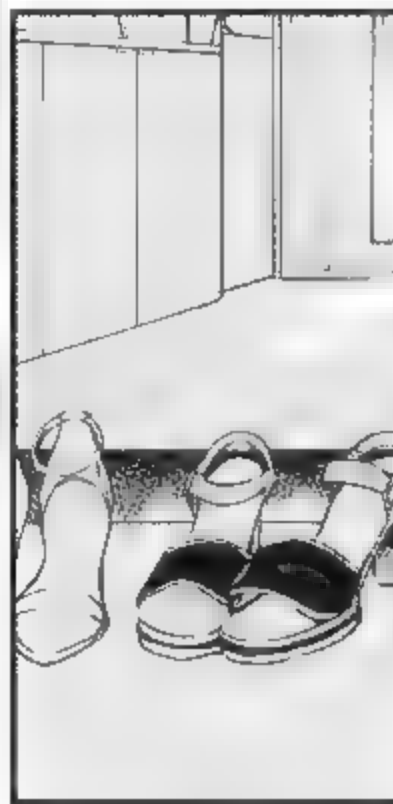


THAT'S BECAUSE INVITING YOU HOME IS PART OF THE DATE.

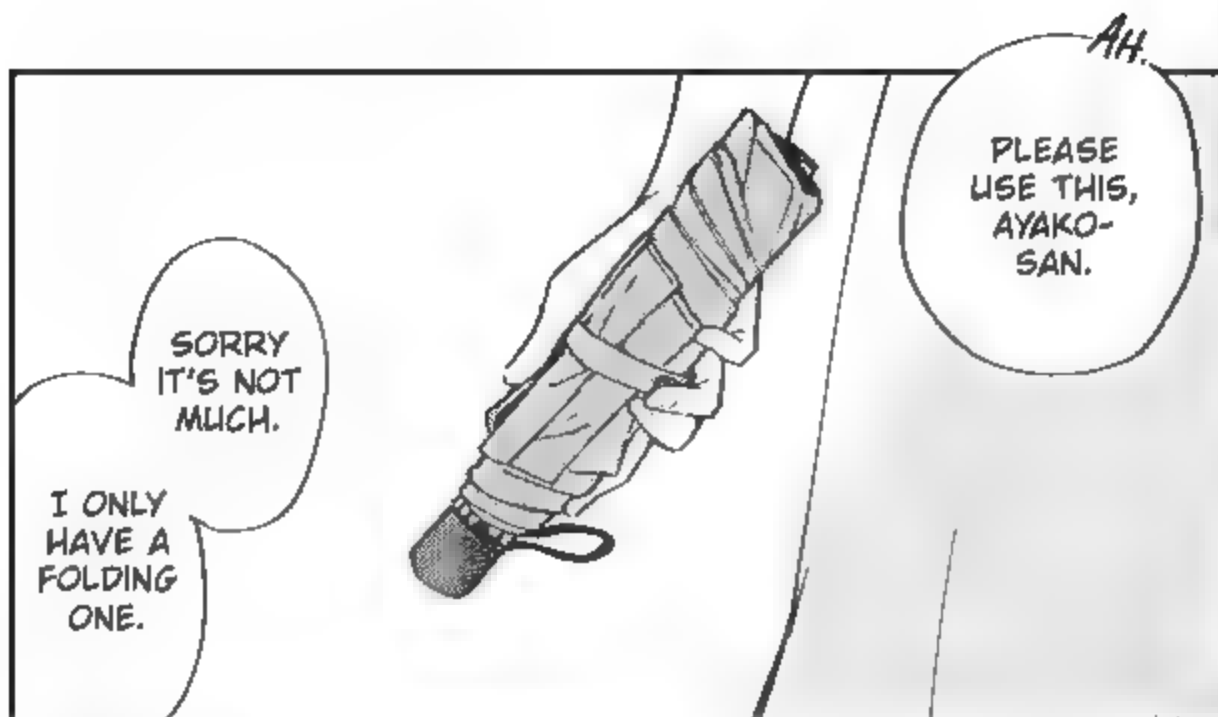
PERO CLICK

70  
3









SORRY  
IT'S NOT  
MUCH.

I ONLY  
HAVE A  
FOLDING  
ONE.

AH.  
PLEASE  
USE THIS,  
AYAKO-  
SAN.



AND  
ANYWAY,  
YOU CAN  
RETURN IT  
ANYTIME,  
CAN'T YOU?



...TRUE.  
ALL RIGHT,  
I'LL TAKE  
YOU UP ON  
THAT.



BYE.

SEE  
YOU AT  
WORK...



I DON'T  
WANT YOU  
TO GET WET,  
EVEN THE  
TINIEST BIT!

...EVEN  
THOUGH  
THE  
STATION  
IS RIGHT  
THERE?

FROM  
NOW ON, I  
ALWAYS...

...WANT  
TO BE  
SPECIAL  
TO YOU.

IT'S NOT  
ONE-SIDED  
ANYMORE.



YOU GET  
ALONG WELL,  
FOR SUCH  
DIFFERENT  
PEOPLE.

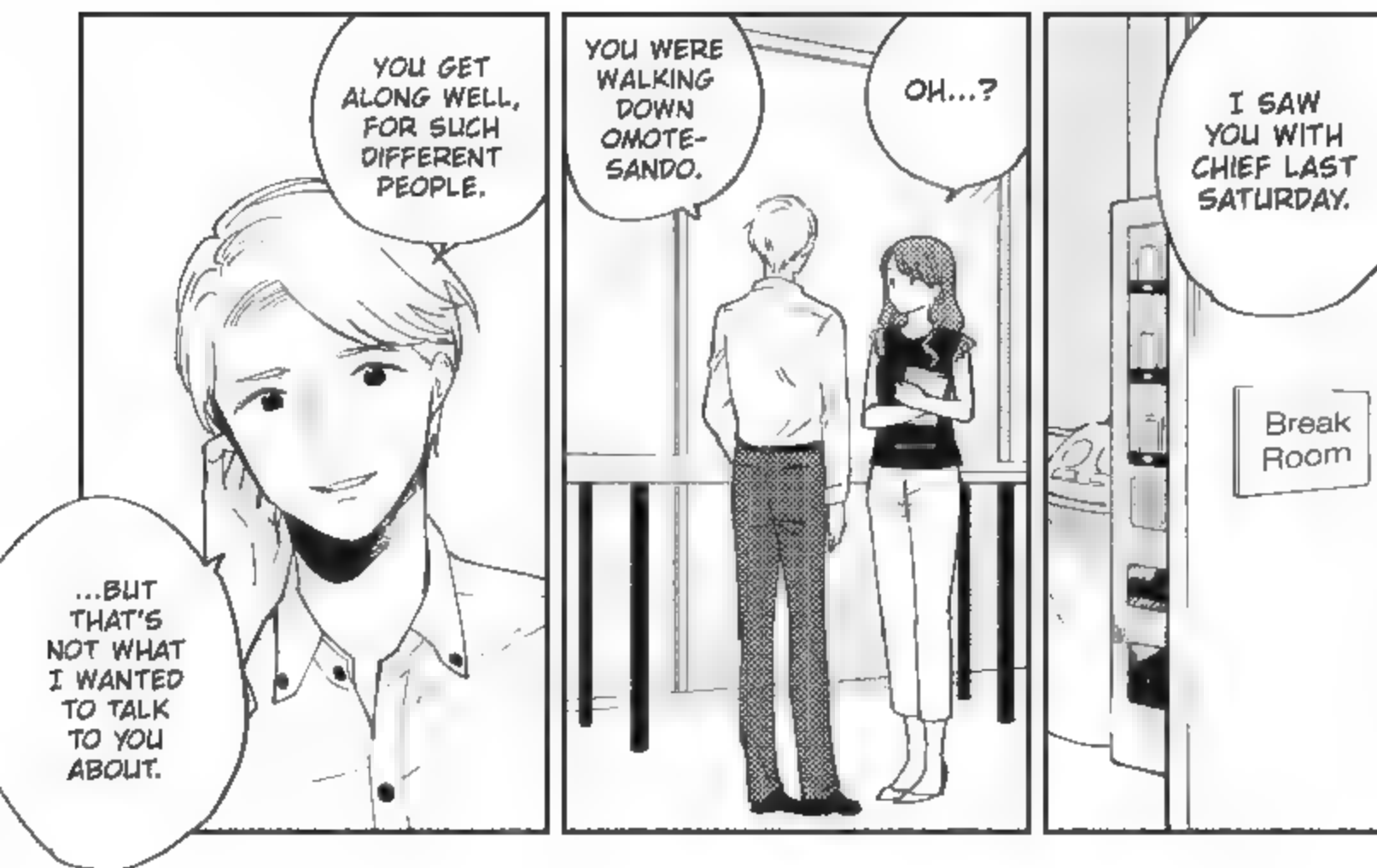
...BUT  
THAT'S  
NOT WHAT  
I WANTED  
TO TALK  
TO YOU  
ABOUT.

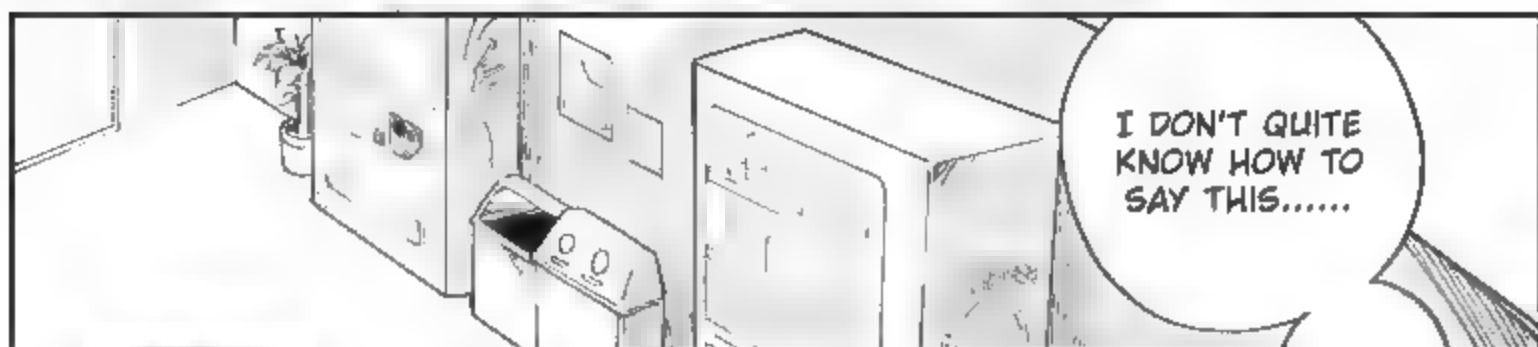
YOU WERE  
WALKING  
DOWN  
OMOTE-  
SANDO.

OH...?

I SAW  
YOU WITH  
CHIEF LAST  
SATURDAY.

Break  
Room







HUH?

YOU JOINED AT THE SAME TIME, SO I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING.

I MEAN ABOUT SUZUKI-SAN.



HUH...?

HOW...?



HOW DOES HE KNOW ABOUT US—...?



WHAT...? YOU DON'T KNOW?



WE DID JOIN TOGETHER, BUT...HAS SHE DONE SOMETHING...?



...THAT SUZUKI-SAN IS HAVING AN AFFAIR WITH HER BOSS.

THERE'S A RUMOR...

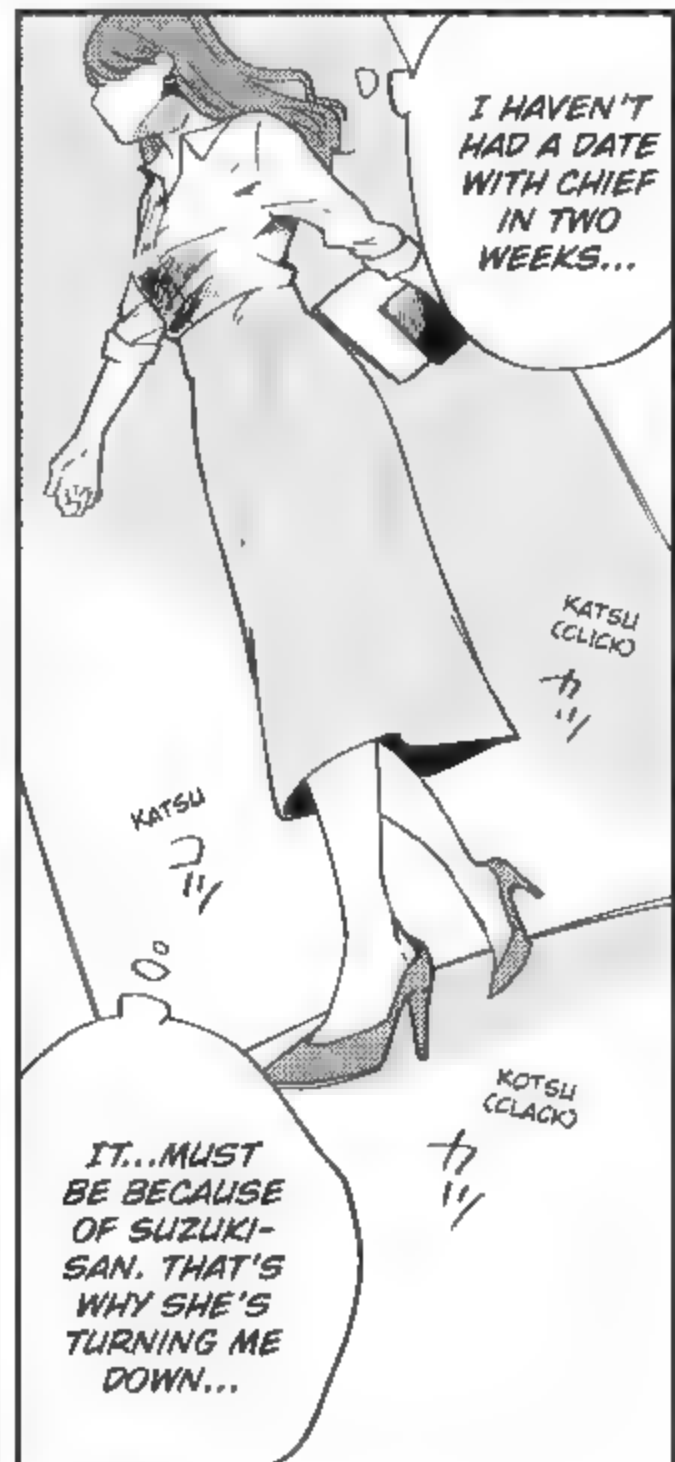






I'M SORRY,  
SUZUKI-  
SAN...

...FOR NOT  
REALIZING  
BACK THEN.....





...I  
SEE.

...NO,  
I'M  
OKAY.

ANYTHING  
ELSE  
YOU'RE  
UNSURE  
OF?

THERE ARE  
PEOPLE  
MAKING  
FUN OF  
SUZUKI-  
SAN...  
...AND  
THERE ARE  
THOSE  
WHO LOOK  
DOWN  
ON HER  
SAYING  
SHE'S  
IMMORAL.

EVEN  
THOUGH  
NO ONE  
ACTUALLY  
KNOWS  
WHAT THEIR  
SITUATION  
IS.....



...ALL  
RIGHT...  
...COULD  
YOU  
CONTACT  
THEM  
BY NEXT  
WEEK?



YES...




...LIM.

IF YOU'RE  
FREE...THIS  
WEEKEND...









FROM A  
RATIONAL  
POINT OF  
VIEW...

...I DON'T  
THINK  
THERE WAS  
ANY NEED  
FOR HER TO  
LEAVE.

...BECAUSE  
I...

...DON'T  
WANT TO  
CAUSE  
TROUBLE  
FOR YOU.

BUT—...

...IF I WAS  
IN THAT  
SITUATION,  
I'M SURE I  
WOULD DO  
THE SAME...



LGH...



NO  
MATTER  
HOW I  
DRESS IT  
UP...



KOTSU  
(CLACK)

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ッ  
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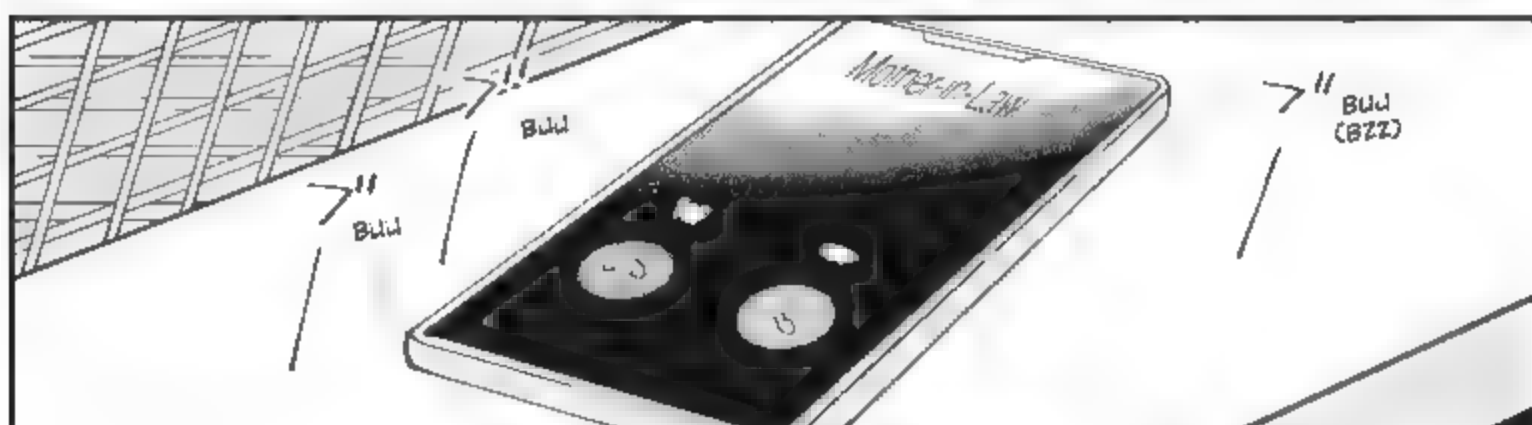
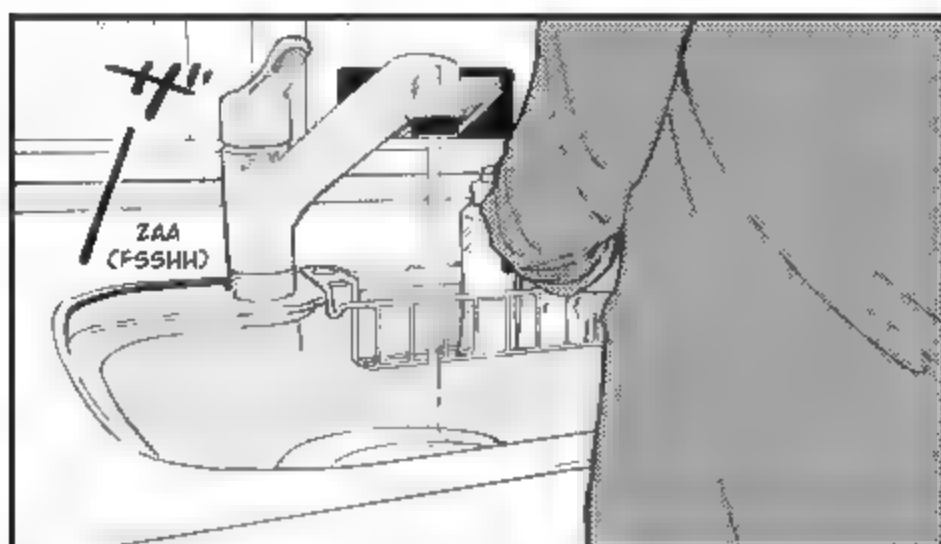
I THOUGHT I  
UNDERSTOOD  
THAT.

ゴン  
ゴン  
GON  
BANG

...IN THE  
END, OUR  
RELATIONSHIP  
WOULD JUST  
BE SEEN AS  
A SORDID  
SCANDAL.



THIS  
SUCKS...





Ayako-san?  
Sorry to  
call so  
late.

HELLO...?

PI  
(BEEP)



SIGH.

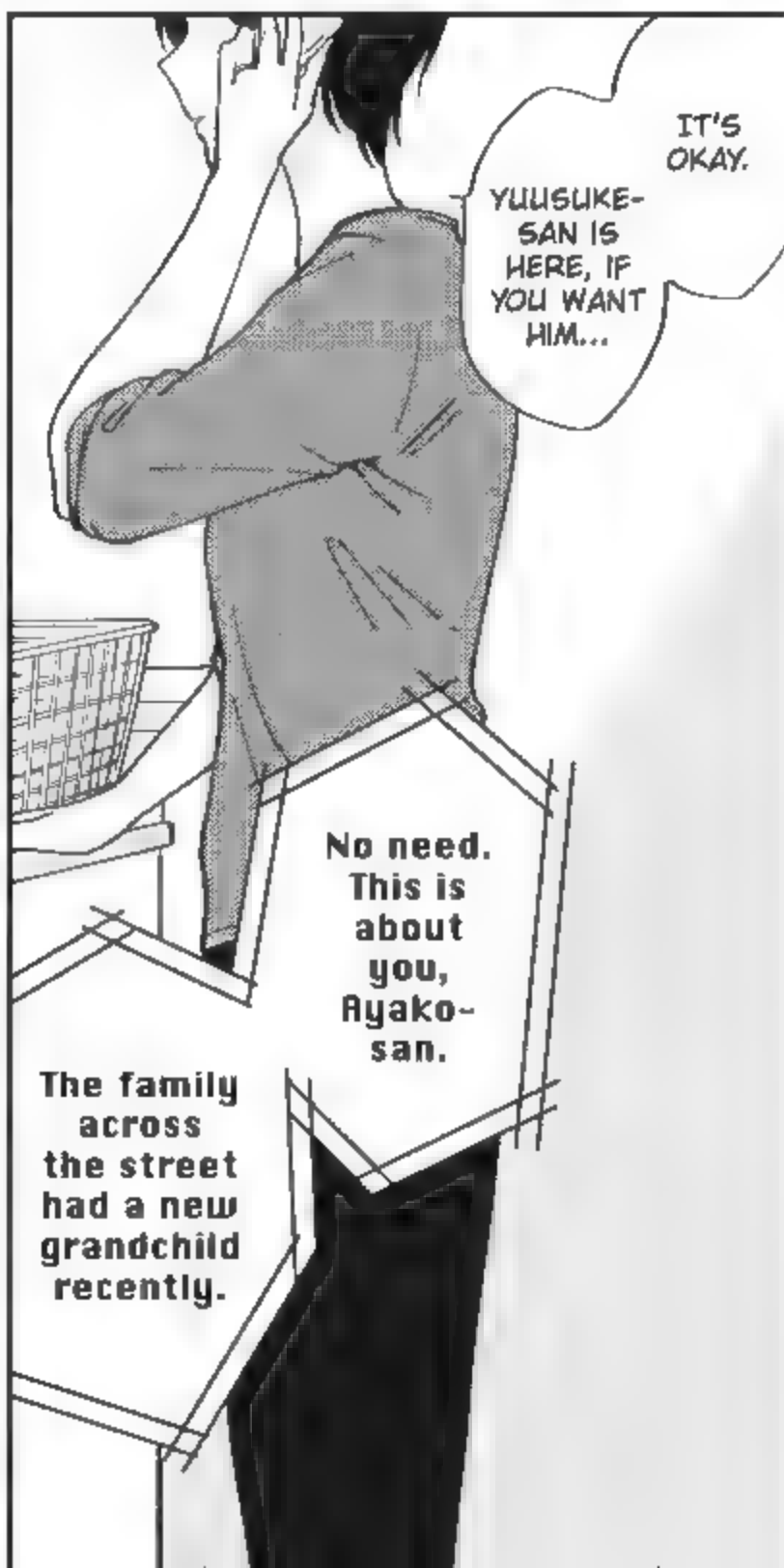
FUKI  
(WIPE)

ひき



I don't  
mean to  
rush you,  
but it  
did make  
me think  
about  
you and  
Yuusuke...

Ayako-  
san...  
You're not  
getting any  
younger,  
you know?



IT'S  
OKAY.

YUUSUKE-  
SAN IS  
HERE, IF  
YOU WANT  
HIM...

No need.  
This is  
about  
you,  
Ayako-  
san.

The family  
across  
the street  
had a new  
grandchild  
recently.





HE DOESN'T  
SEEM  
INTERESTED  
IN TRYING  
FOR A BABY  
WITH ME.

YOUR  
SON IS  
ABSORBED  
IN  
SLEEPING  
WITH A  
YOUNGER  
WOMAN.

Your body  
won't be  
able to  
bear the  
strain  
soon...

So I was  
thinking...  
before the  
burden  
becomes  
too much...



...I GUESS  
THAT GOES  
FOR ME  
TOO.

ONE  
MORE  
THING



FUU  
(SIGH)

...HONEY.

All  
right,  
I'll  
be in  
touch.

PU  
(BEEP)



...THANK  
YOU, AS  
ALWAYS.

Our  
neighbor  
gave us  
some  
peaches  
again this  
year.

We have  
so many,  
I'll send  
you some  
too.



...AYAKO.

WHA...

WHAT'S  
THIS,  
ALL  
OF A  
SUDDEN  
...?

GYU  
(GQUEEZE)



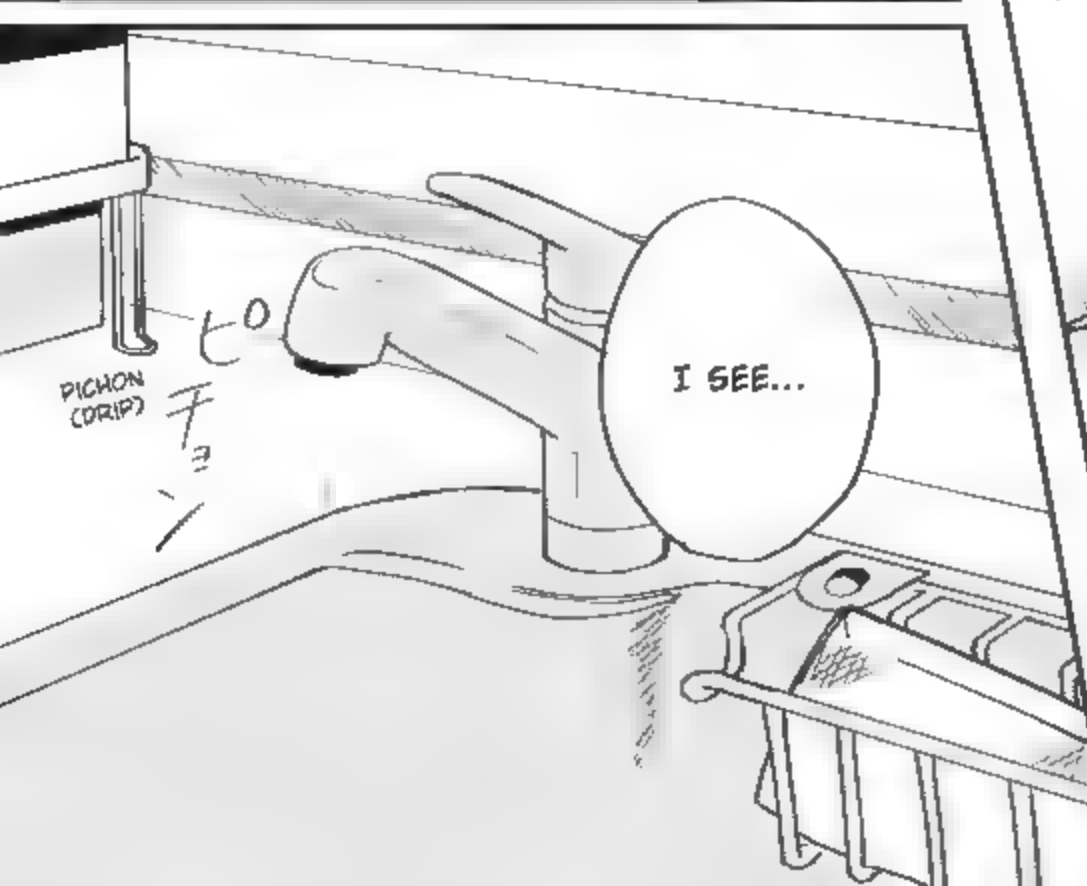
AH...

SORRY.  
I'M ON MY  
PERIOD  
AT THE  
MOMENT...



WILL  
YOU...

...SLEEP  
WITH ME  
TONIGHT?



I SEE...

PICHON  
(DRIP)







...ABOUT  
MY DUTIES  
AS A WIFE,  
AND ABOUT  
MY ROLE AT  
WORK.

EVEN IF IT  
WAS JUST  
WHILE I  
WAS WITH  
FUJIMURA-  
SAN, I  
WANTED TO  
FORGET...

IF OUR  
SECRET  
WAS EVER  
EXPOSED...



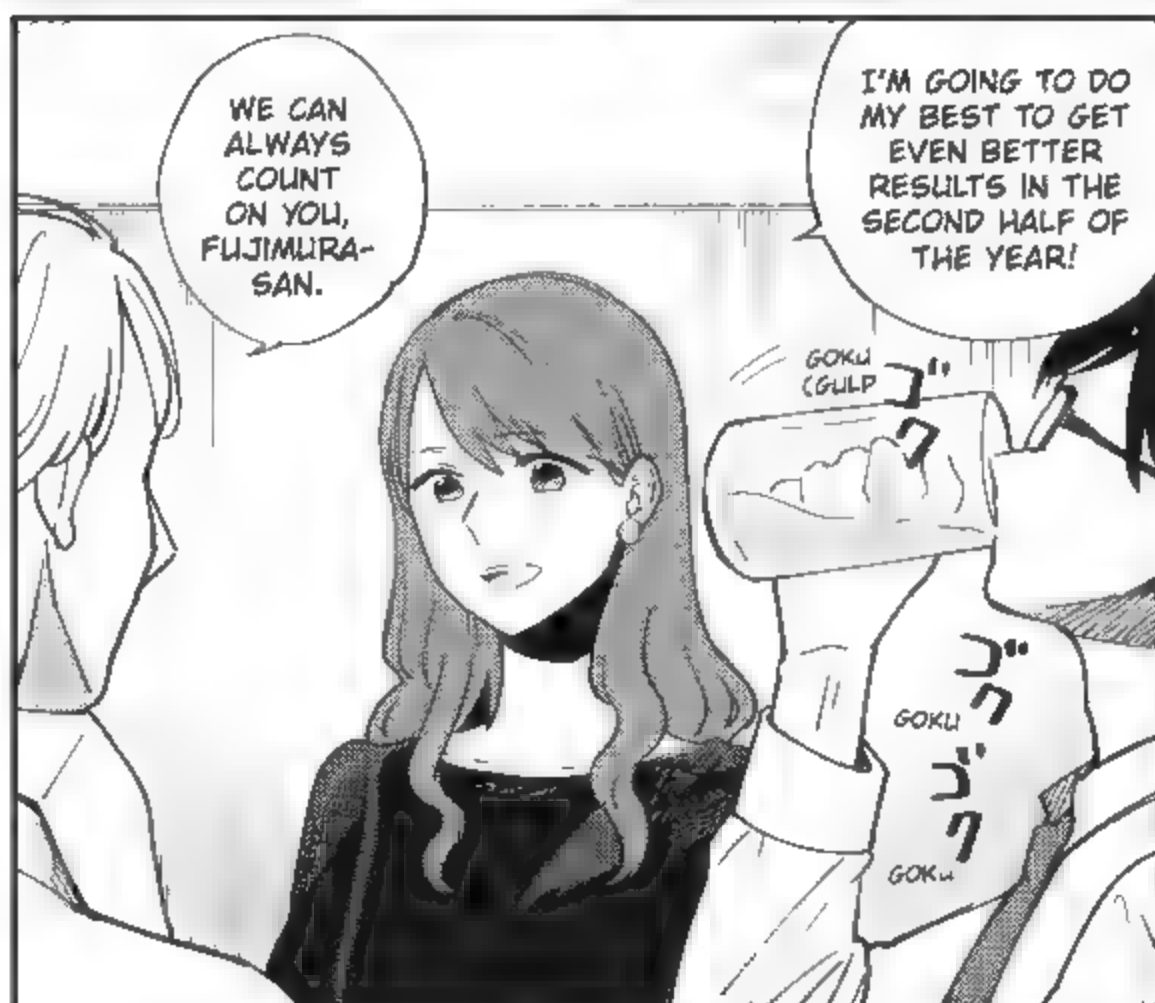
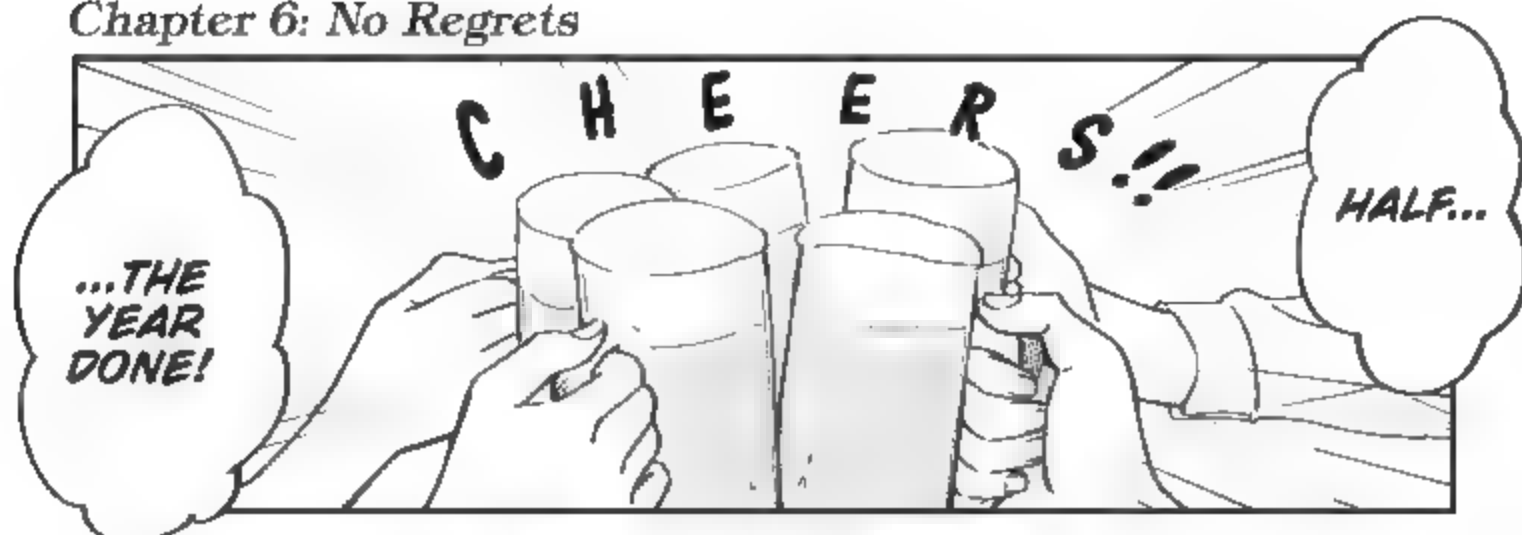


*...I WOULD  
LOSE  
EVERYTHING...*

*THAT'S NOT  
SOMETHING  
I CAN  
HANDLE...*

*...AT  
ALL.*

## Chapter 6: No Regrets

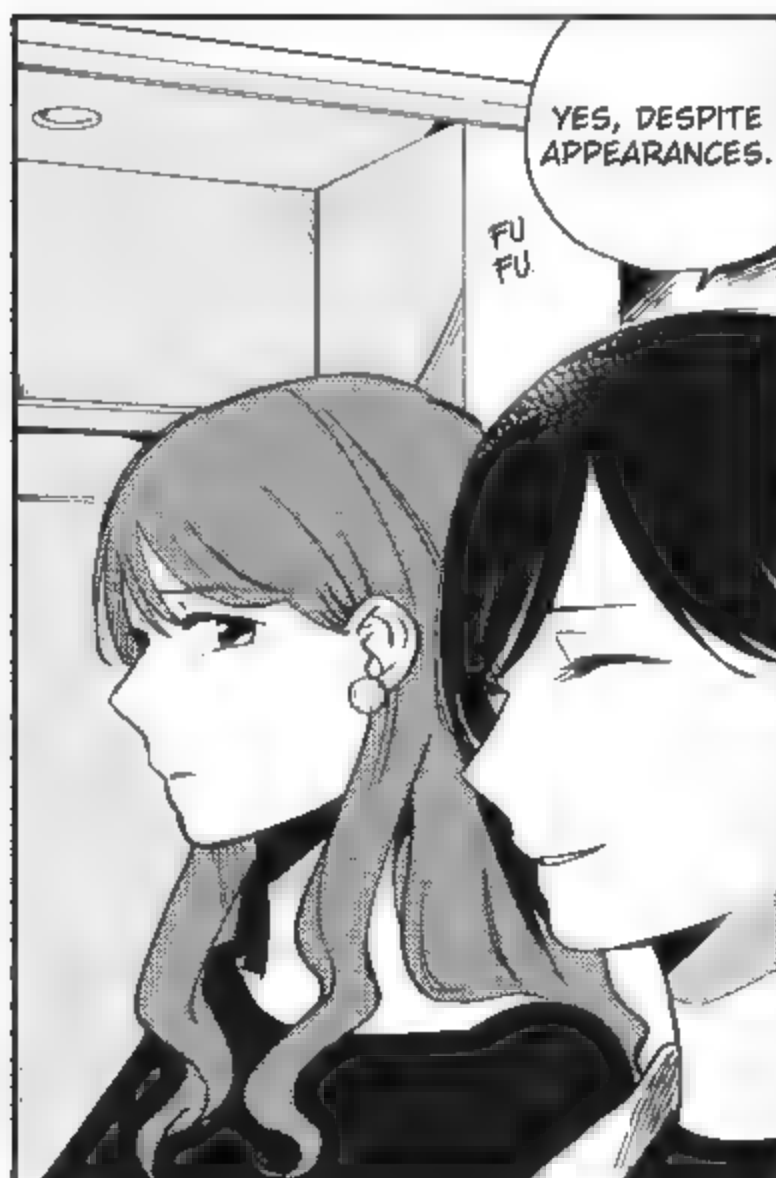
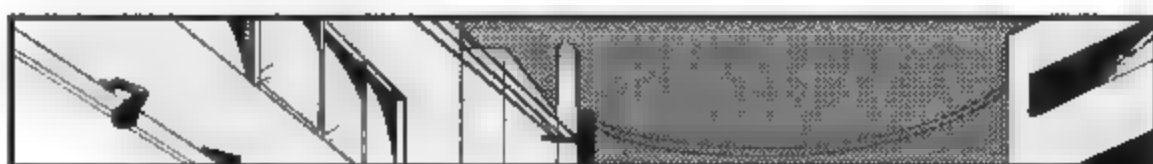




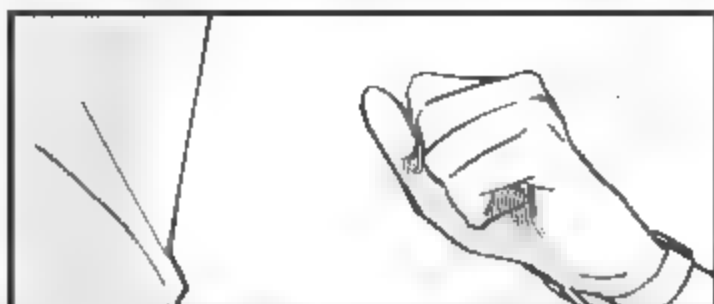
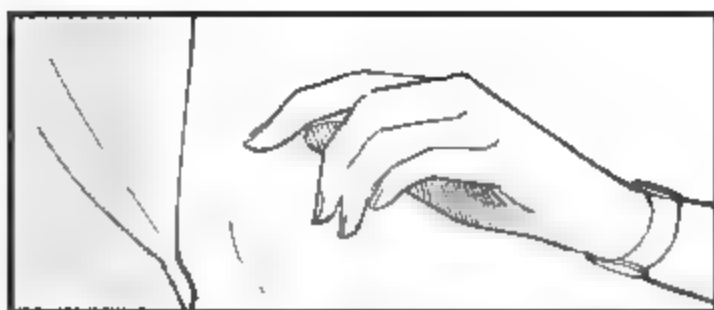


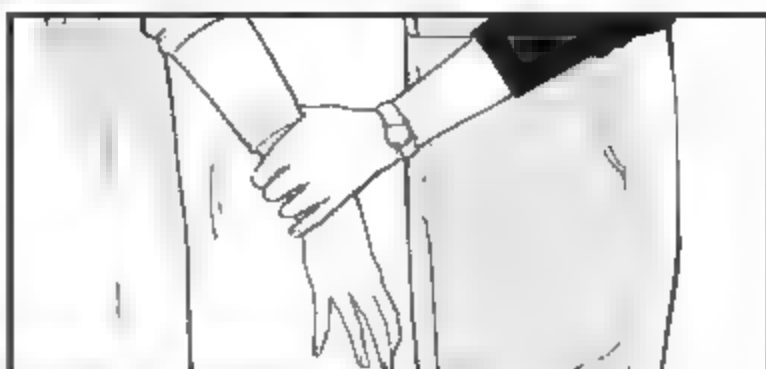
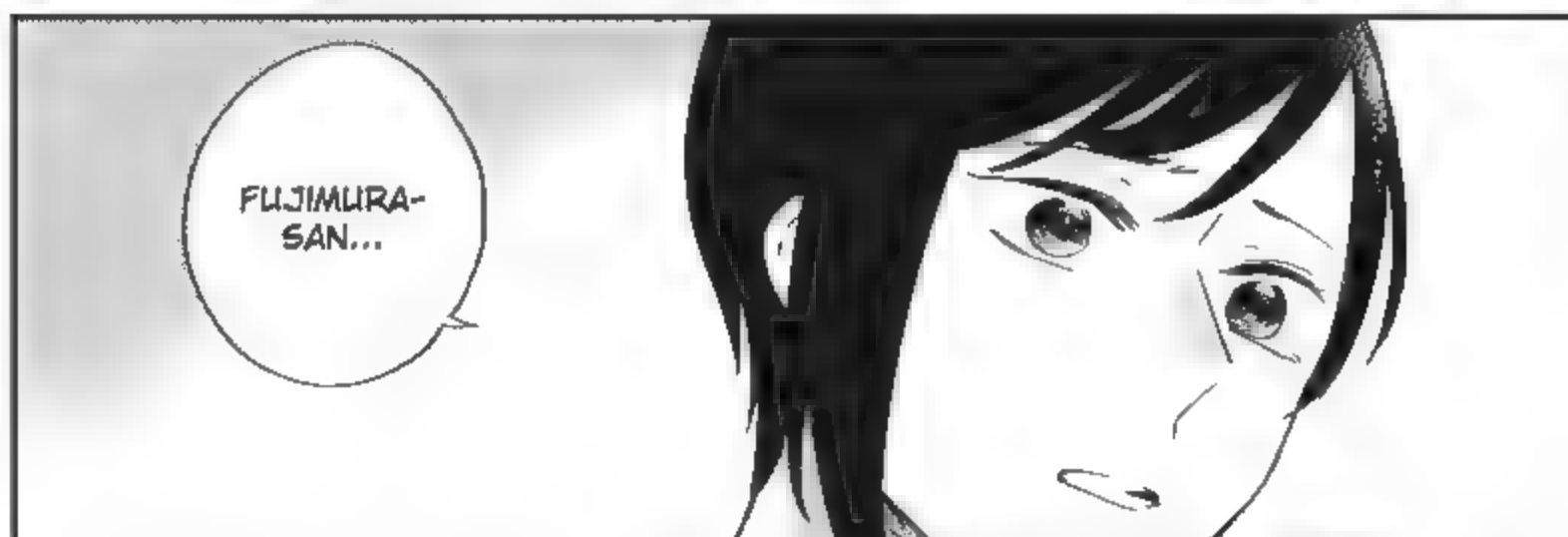


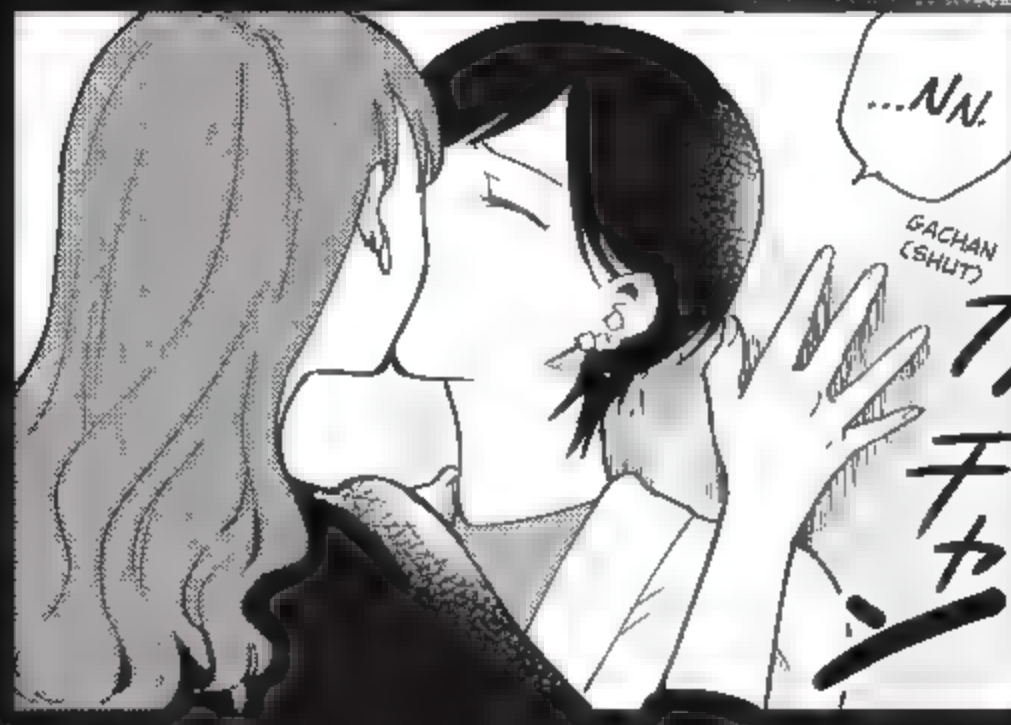


















...AND  
SO DEAR  
TO ME, IT  
MAKES  
MY HEART  
ACHE.



I CAN'T  
HELP  
WISHING...

...THAT  
EVERY  
PART OF  
YOU COULD  
BE MINE  
AND MINE  
ALONE.



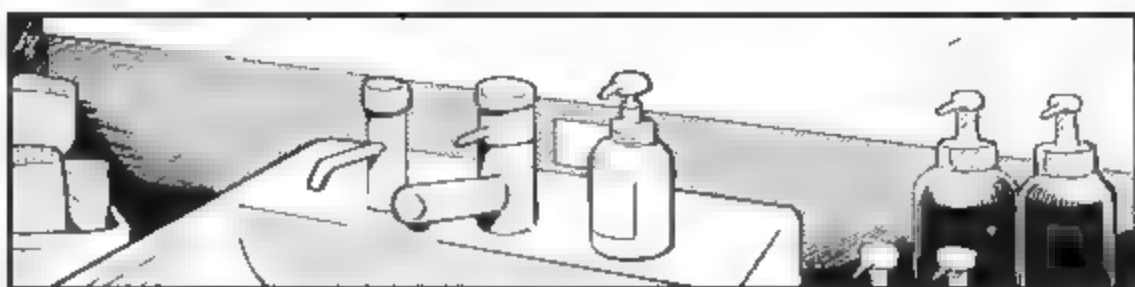
THAT LATE  
ALREADY...?

...IT'S  
ONE  
A.M.



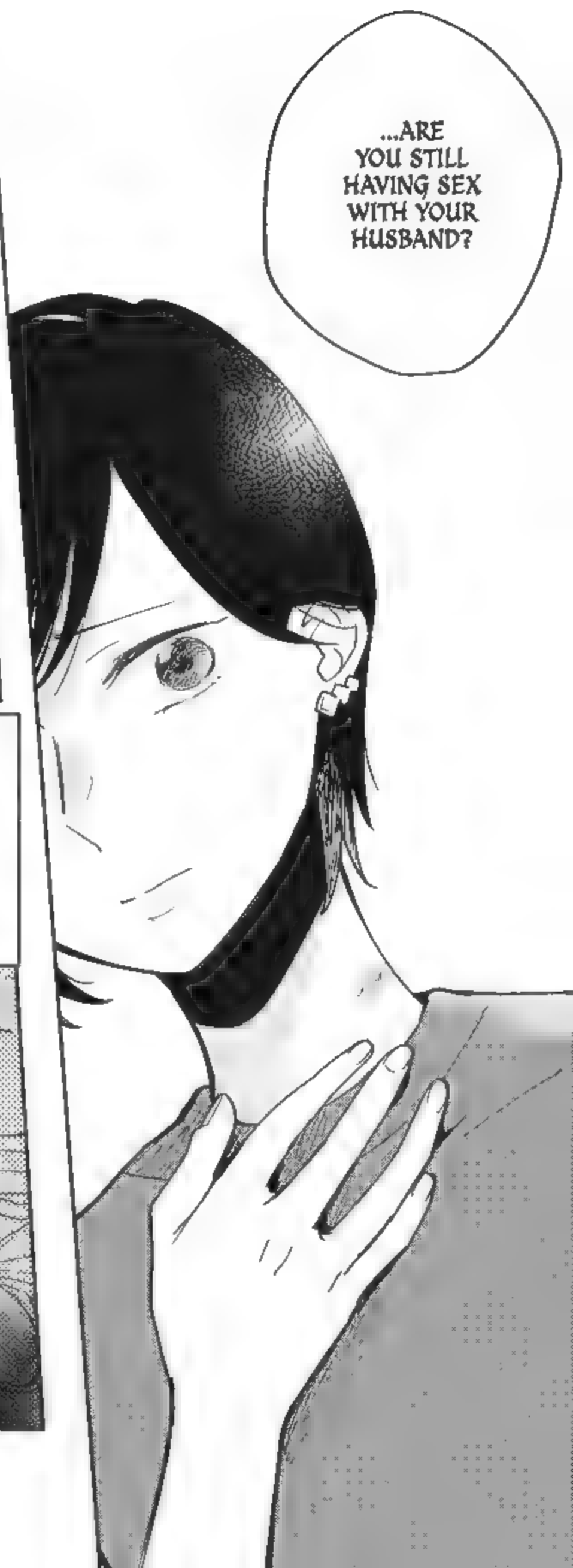
...WHAT  
TIME IS  
IT?











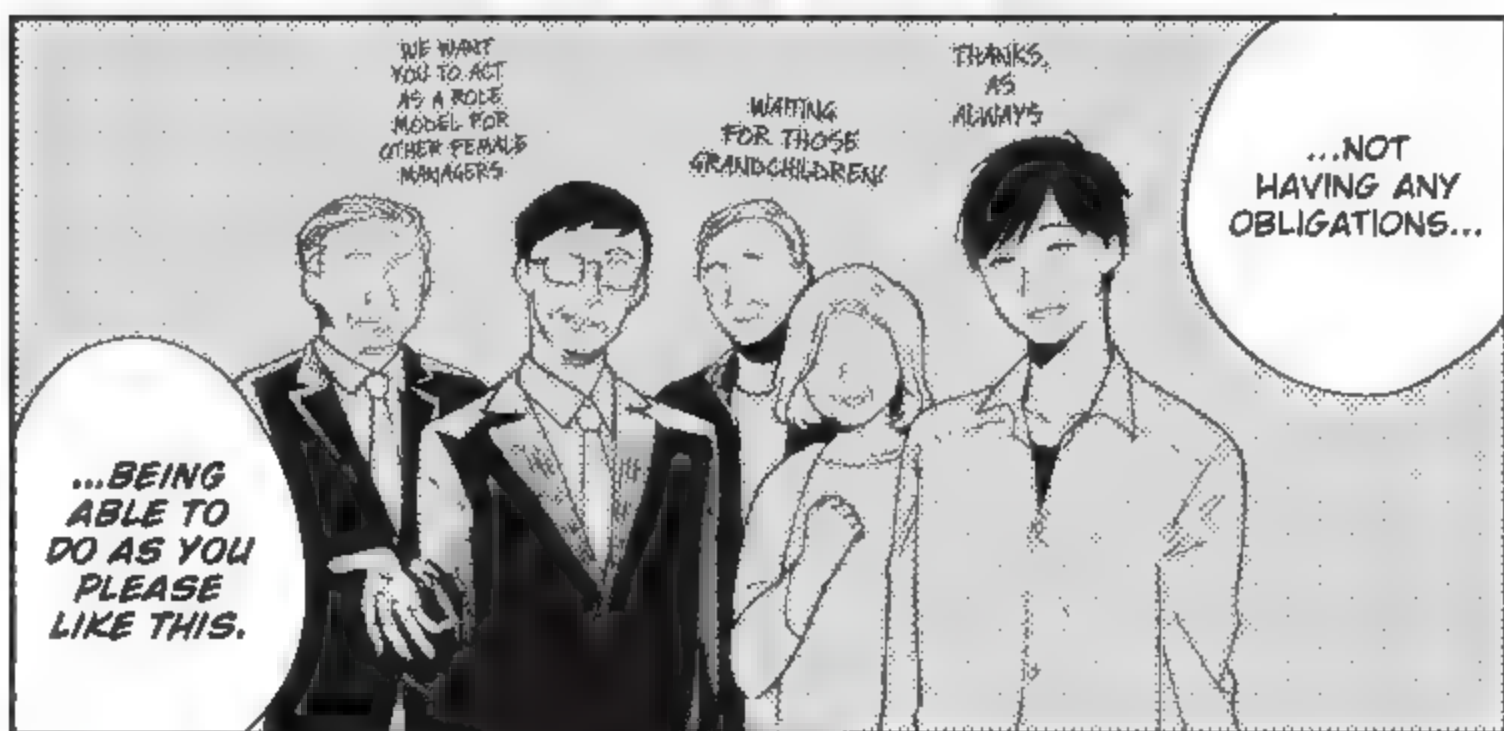




...IT  
MUST  
BE  
NICE...



THAT...  
...HAS  
NOTHING  
TO DO  
WITH  
YOU...



WE WANT  
YOU TO ACT  
AS A ROLE  
MODEL FOR  
OTHER FEMALE  
MANAGERS

WAITING  
FOR THOSE  
GRANDCHILDREN

THANKS,  
AS  
ALWAYS

...NOT  
HAVING ANY  
OBLIGATIONS...

...BEING  
ABLE TO  
DO AS YOU  
PLEASE  
LIKE THIS.

MY  
MARRIAGE,  
MY  
POSITION  
IN THE  
COMPANY...



UNLIKE  
YOU, I...

...AM  
IN NO  
POSITION  
TO INSIST  
ON HAVING  
MY OWN  
WAY.



...I  
THOUGHT  
I WANTED  
ALL  
THESE  
THINGS...

...BUT NOW  
I CAN'T  
EVEN  
REMEMBER  
WHY I  
WANTED  
THEM.

IF ONLY  
I COULD  
HAVE  
MET YOU  
SOONER...

BUT...

...IT'S  
TOO  
LATE.

EVERYTHING  
IS—...

ギク  
(CLENCH)





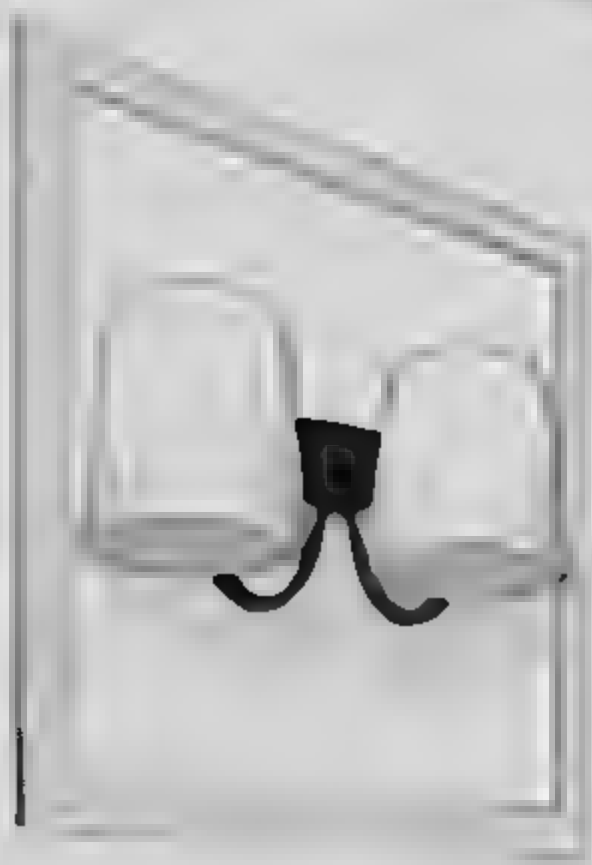


WE...

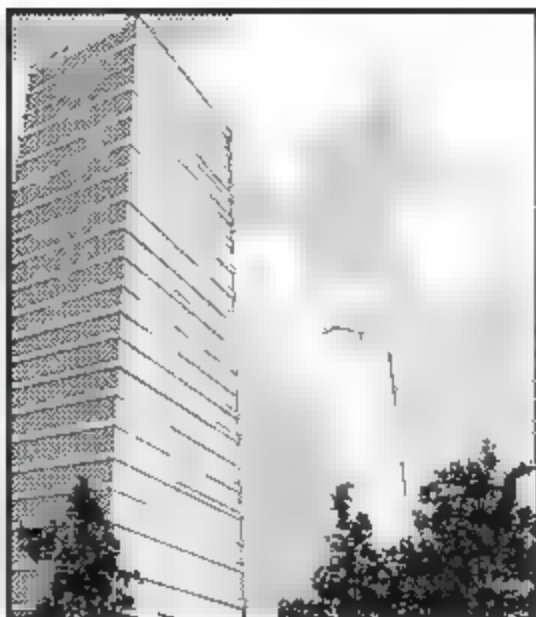


...WE  
SHOULD  
STOP  
DOING  
THIS.

...SHOULD  
NEVER HAVE  
STARTED THIS  
IN THE FIRST  
PLACE.



## Chapter 7: Where Happiness Lies







NO,  
MAYBE  
WE WERE  
ALWAYS  
LIKE  
THIS...

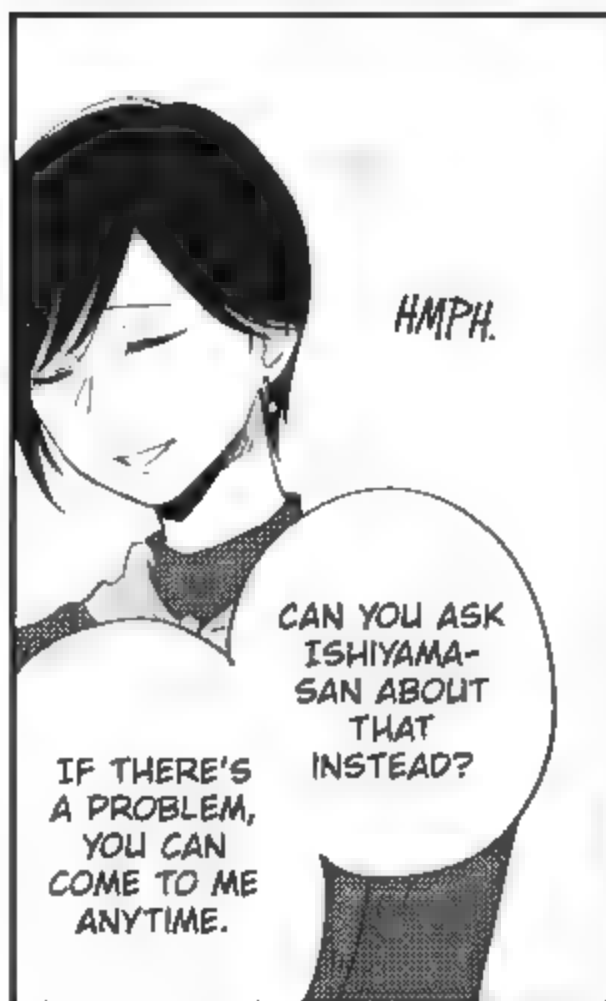
...AND  
THINGS  
WERE JUST  
SPECIAL  
RECENTLY...

SHE  
WON'T  
EVEN  
LOOK ME  
IN THE  
EYE.



AH.

ALSO...  
WHEN YOU HAVE  
TIME, I'D LIKE  
TO ASK FOR  
YOUR OPINION  
ON THIS  
PROPOSAL.



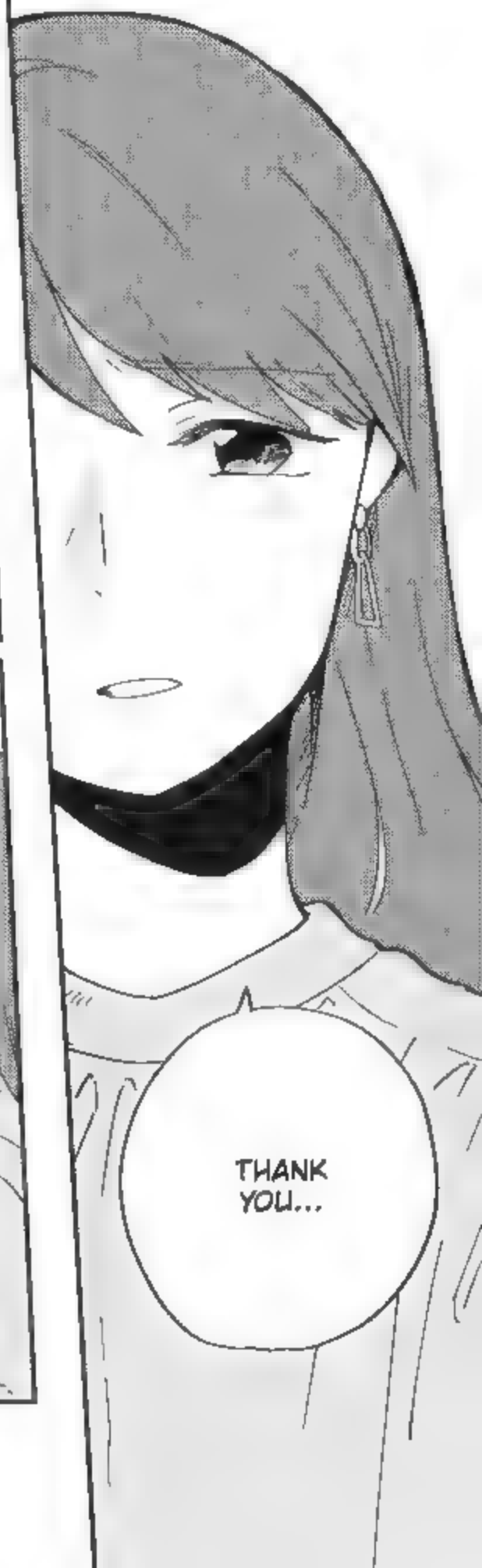
HMPH.

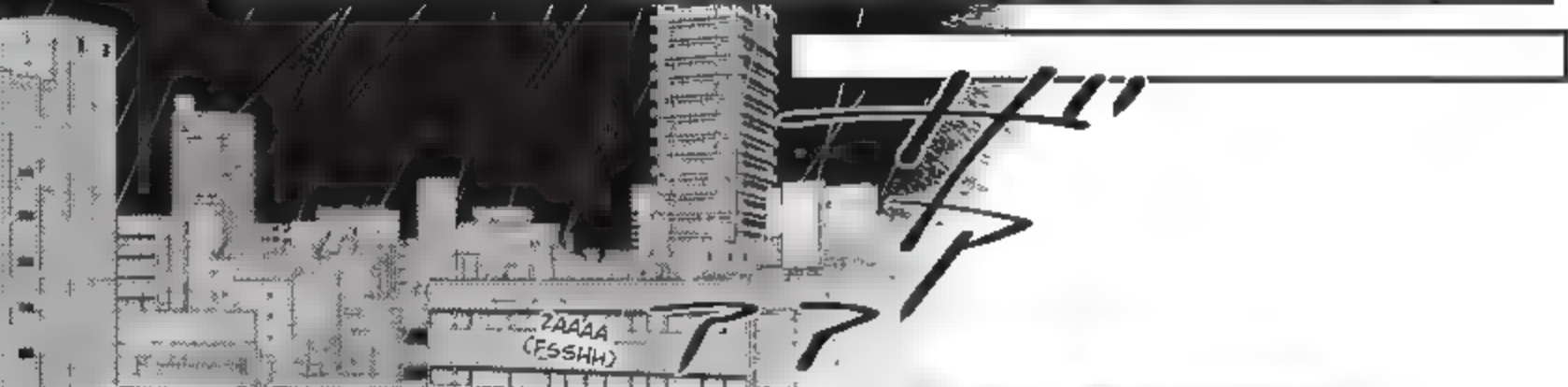
CAN YOU ASK  
ISHIYAMA-  
SAN ABOUT  
THAT  
INSTEAD?

IF THERE'S  
A PROBLEM,  
YOU CAN  
COME TO ME  
ANYTIME.



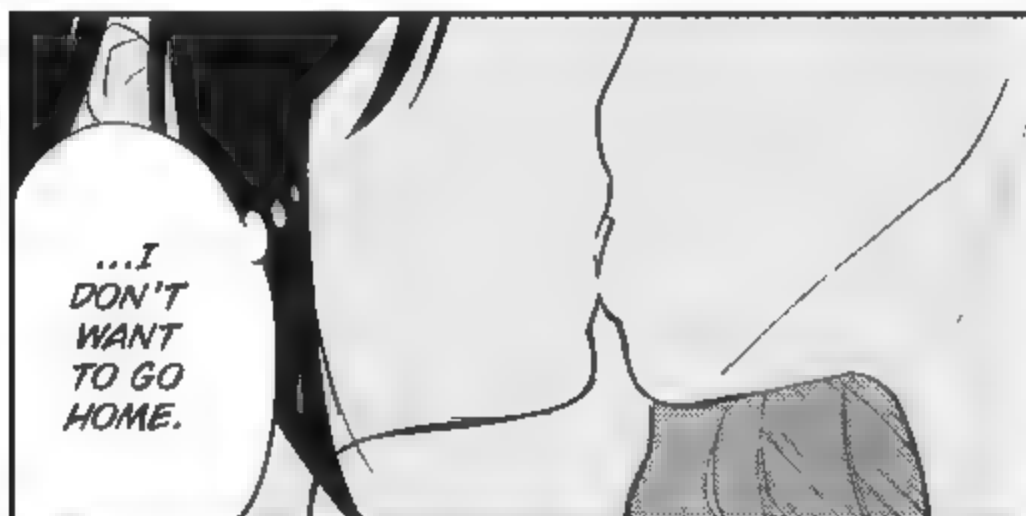
THANK  
YOU...







...TRUE. ALL  
RIGHT, I'LL  
TAKE YOU UP  
ON THAT.



...I  
DON'T  
WANT  
TO GO  
HOME.



NO...IT'S  
NOTHING...

GATA  
(CLATTER)  
か  
て

FUJIMURA-  
SAN? SHE  
ALREADY  
LEFT.

IS  
SOMETHING  
WRONG?



...FUJIMURA-  
SAN.

SIGN: OGIKUBO STATION



AFTER THAT,  
WE WENT  
BACK TO JUST  
HAVING A  
PROFESSIONAL  
RELATIONSHIP.

CHIEF  
DOESN'T  
TREAT  
ME ANY  
DIFFERENTLY  
FROM THE  
OTHER TEAM  
MEMBERS.

IT'S AS  
IF...



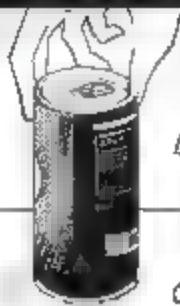


PASHA  
(SPLASH)

1/10  
7

...NOTHING  
EVER  
HAPPENED.

YOU'RE  
WORKING  
HARD.



KON  
(THUNK)

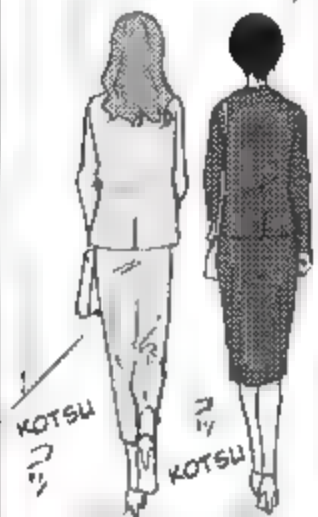
...AND I  
REALIZED YOU  
WERE STILL  
HERE, SO I  
CAME BACK.

WE JUST  
FINISHED  
DINNER...

FUJIMURA-  
SAN.

ARE YOU  
FREE  
TONIGHT?

KOTSU  
(CLACK)





FUJIMURA-SAN...



HAA

HAA

FUJIMURA-SAN...

FUJIMURA-SA...



HAA

HAA

...THERE'S  
NO WAY  
I COULD  
EVER MAKE  
AYAKO-SAN  
MINE.

AFTER ALL,  
I'M A WOMAN,  
AND OUR  
RELATIONSHIP  
IS ADULTER-  
OUS...

FROM THE  
START, I  
NEVER  
MEANT TO  
GET MY  
HOPES UP.



IT  
MUST  
BE  
NICE...

...BEING ABLE  
TO DO AS YOU  
PLEASE LIKE  
THIS.



...NOT  
HAVING ANY  
OBLIGATIONS...

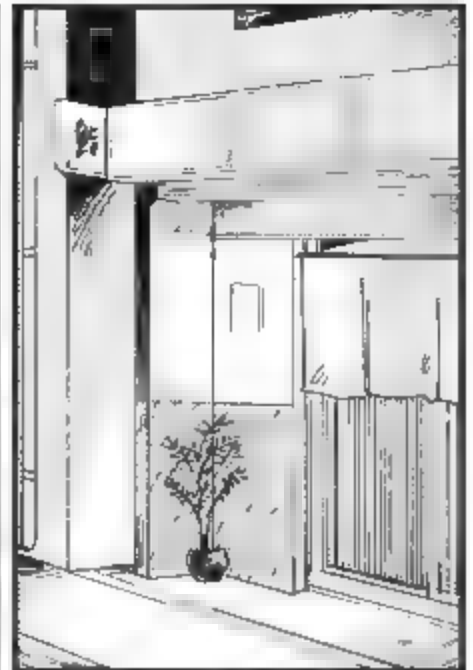
...IF THIS  
IS HOW  
THINGS ARE  
GOING TO  
BE...

WHY  
CAN'T  
I BE  
SOMEONE  
SPECIAL  
TO YOU?

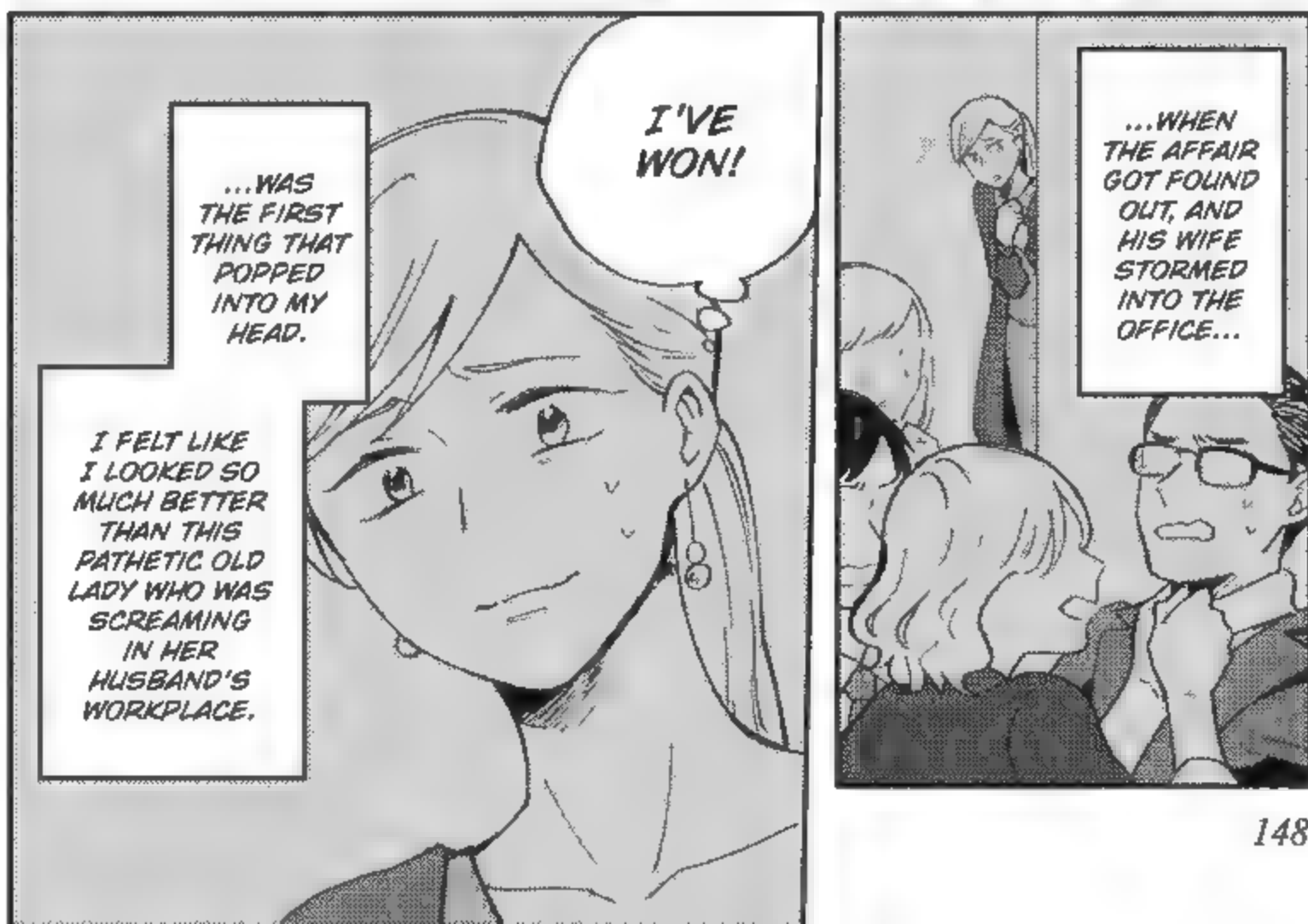
WHAT WAS  
THE POINT  
OF ALL  
THAT TIME  
WE SPENT  
TOGETHER?

...I WISH I  
HAD NEVER  
FALLEN  
FOR YOU IN  
THE FIRST  
PLACE.











LIKE,  
"GIVE  
ME BACK  
MY TWO  
YEARS!"

...BUT I  
GENUINELY  
FELT LIKE  
HE WAS  
HEARTLESS.

IT'S NOT  
AS THOUGH  
I...DIDN'T  
FEEL GUILTY  
ABOUT HIS  
FAMILY...

...BUT...

...IN THE  
END, HE  
CHOSE HIS  
WIFE AND  
CHILDREN.

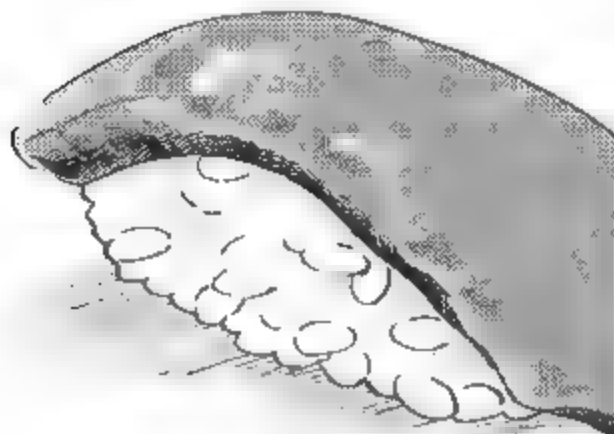
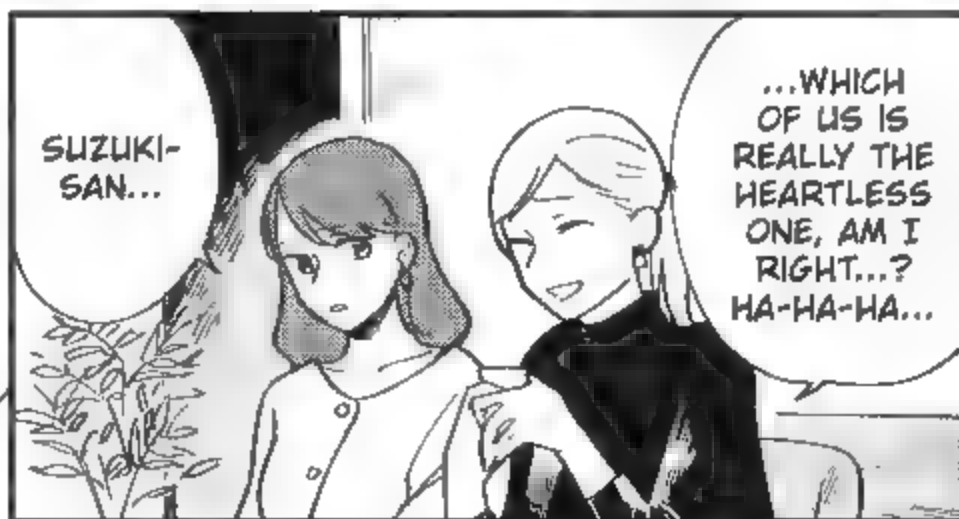


...YOU  
MIGHT BE  
SHOCKED  
TO HEAR ME  
SAY THIS,  
BUT...

...TO BE  
HONEST,  
I DON'T  
REALLY  
KNOW.

SUZUKI-  
SAN...

...WHICH  
OF US IS  
REALLY THE  
HEARTLESS  
ONE, AM I  
RIGHT...?  
HA-HA-HA...



HAVING...  
THE  
AFFAIR...?

...DO YOU  
REGRET  
IT?

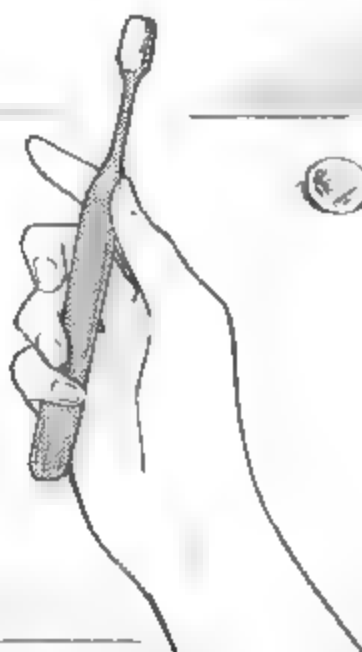




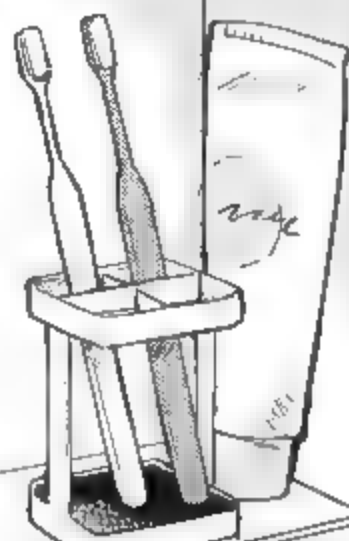


I'M  
SUCH A  
FOOL.

...HER  
WORDS,  
AND THE  
WARMTH  
OF HER  
TOUCH ON  
MY SKIN...



AYAKO-  
SAN'S  
KINDNESS,  
HER  
SMILE...




THOSE  
THINGS  
WERE  
ALL  
REAL.



THOSE  
THINGS  
WERE ALL  
FOR ME.

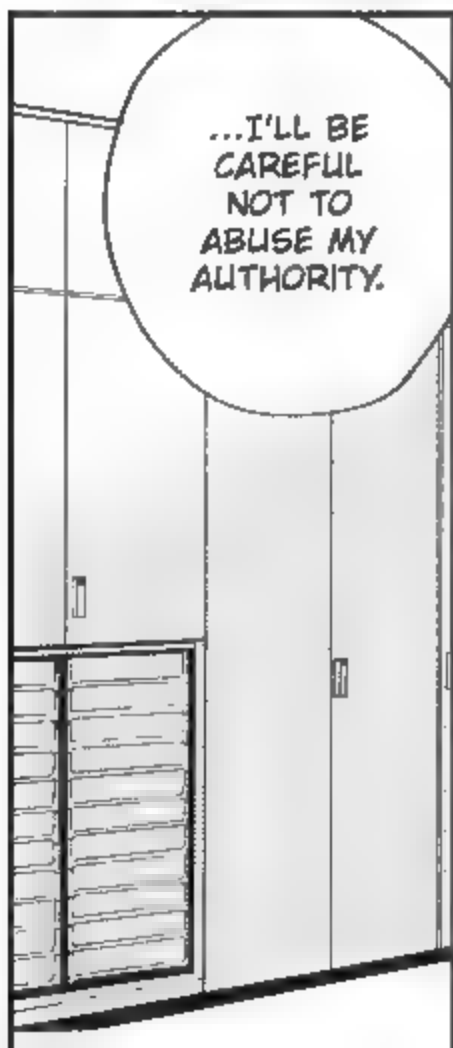




I THOUGHT  
I WAS  
STANDING  
BY HER  
SIDE BUT  
WHAT ON  
EARTH WAS  
I DOING?

WHAT DID  
I EVER  
DO FOR  
HER?







...YOU  
WOULD  
HAVE  
BEEN  
HAPPY  
WITH  
ANYONE?

...SO  
IN THE  
END...



I'LL  
FORGET  
IT.

NOT EVEN  
ENOUGH  
TO STOP  
YOU DOING  
YOUR JOB  
CALMLY?

THIS  
WAS JUST  
SOME  
TRIVIAL  
EVENT TO  
YOU?



I...

...WILL  
PERFORM MY  
EXPECTED  
ROLES  
PERFECTLY..

...AND LIVE  
WHEREVER  
I'M  
NEEDED.

I JUST HAVE  
TO KEEP IT  
TOGETHER,  
LIKE I  
ALWAYS  
HAVE — ...

CHIEF  
ASANO?

GASP





Chapter 8: I Forgive You











OF COURSE  
WE'RE  
GOING TO  
HELP EACH  
OTHER OUT  
AT A TIME  
LIKE THIS.

...BUT  
WE'RE A  
TEAM.



YES,  
YOU MADE  
A MIS-  
TAKE THIS  
TIME...

...HEY, HEY.  
THERE'S NO  
NEED TO  
TAKE THAT  
TONE.



EVERYONE  
...

ISHIYAMA-  
SAN...



AH  
HA  
HA  
HA

THAT'S  
THE  
REAL  
REASON.  
ISN'T  
IT?

...ALSO  
...

I HAVE  
SENIORITY  
HERE, BUT  
YOU'RE SO  
PERFECT  
THAT I  
NEVER GET  
A CHANCE!

...LET ME  
BE THE  
MATURE,  
RESPON-  
SIBLE  
FIGURE  
FOR  
ONCE!













IF YOU  
HADN'T  
CHEATED  
TO BEGIN  
WITH...



...WHY  
DID YOU  
EVEN  
MARRY  
ME?

IF YOU'RE  
JUST  
GOING  
TO USE  
ME AS A  
SUBSTI-  
TUTE...

...THIS  
NEVER  
WOULD  
HAVE—...



NO, NO.  
WE FAILED  
TO CHECK  
PROPERLY  
TOO...



OUR  
SINCEREST  
APOLOGIES!





WE'LL  
ADJUST THE  
PRODUCTION  
LINE AND  
WORK  
SOMETHING  
OUT.

THANK  
YOU  
VERY  
MUCH!

(GATA  
CLATTER)

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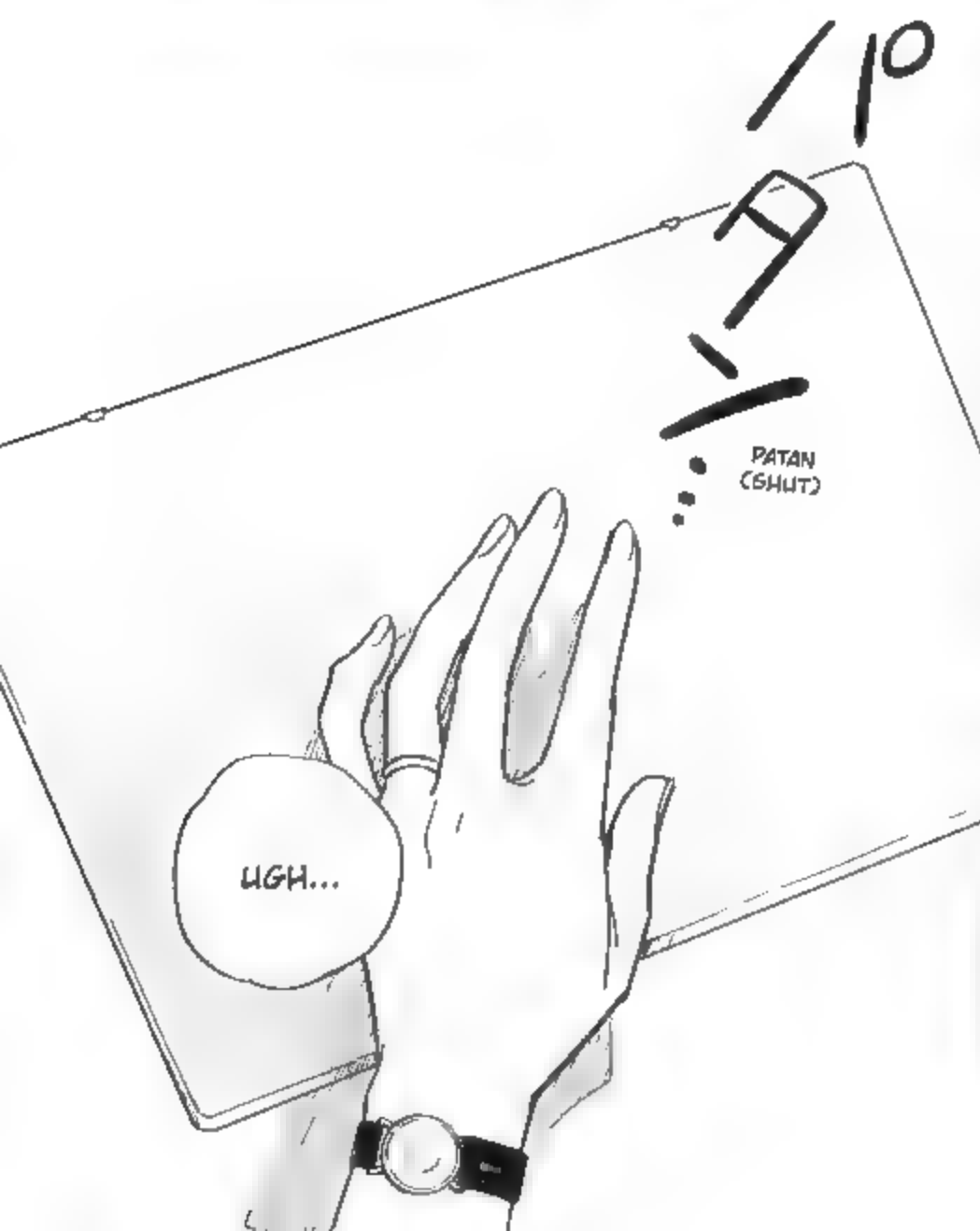


WELL,  
IT'S ONLY  
TO BE  
EXPECTED.

MANAGING A  
TEAM MUST  
BE A HEAVY  
BURDEN FOR  
A WOMAN.

IT'S TOUGH  
ENOUGH FOR  
MEN. THE  
COMPANY  
SURE IS  
MEAN, ISN'T  
IT?











IT WAS  
REALLY GOOD,  
SO I WAS  
PLANNING ON  
BINGING THE  
WHOLE SERIES  
IN ONE GO.

NARUSE-SAN  
RECOMMENDED  
THIS FOREIGN  
DRAMA TO ME  
THE OTHER  
DAY.

BUT  
THEN...

I'M GLAD  
WE CAN  
TALK  
NORMALLY.

NARUSE-  
KUN DREW  
YOU IN,  
DIDN'T HE?

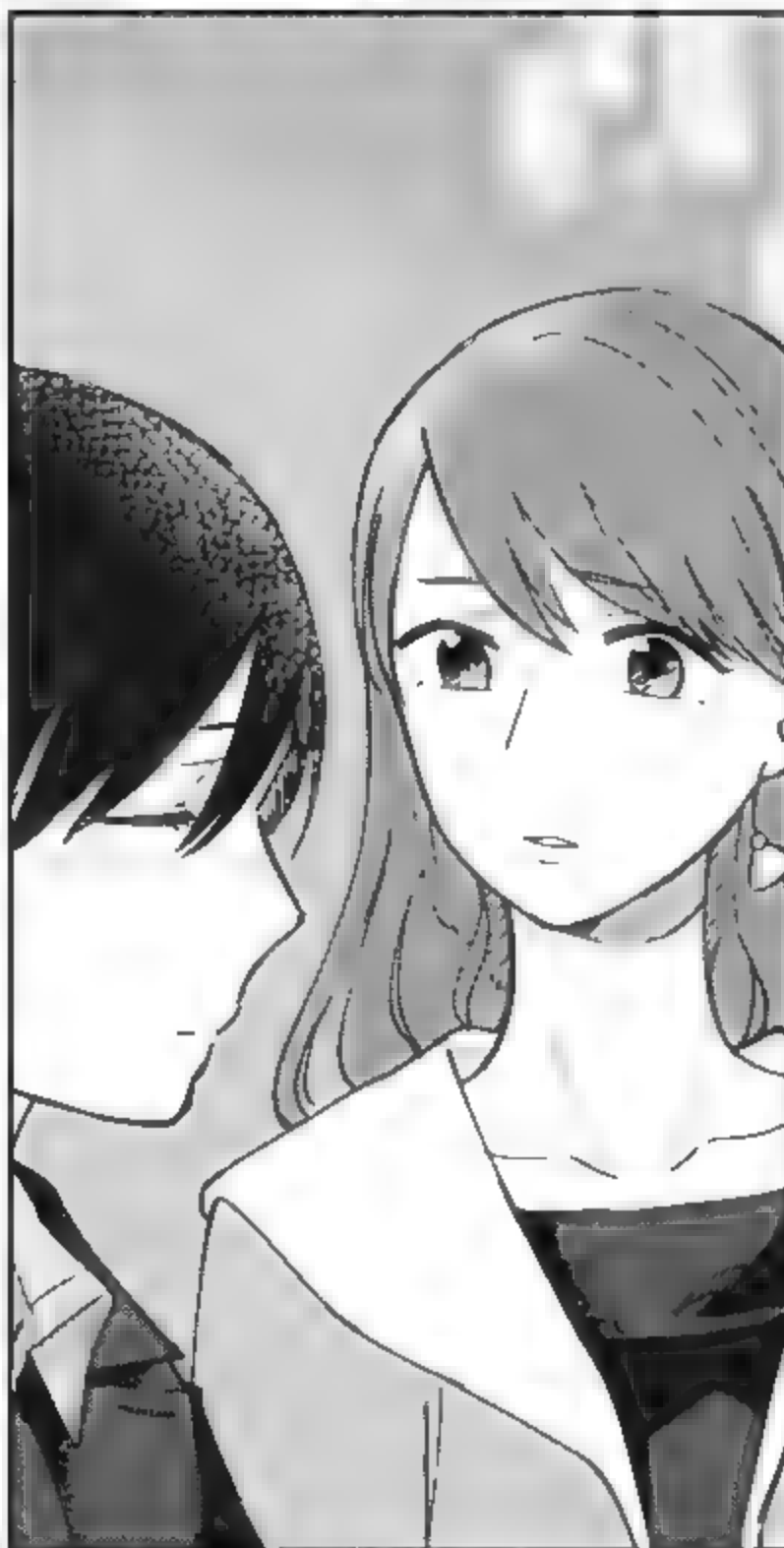
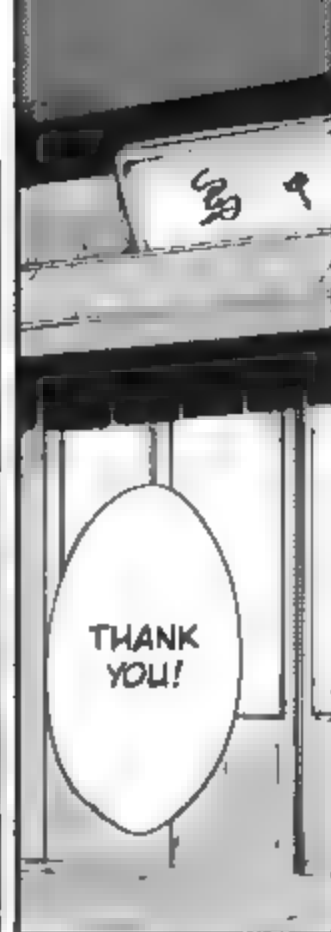
AH  
HA  
HA

...I FOUND  
OUT IT  
HASN'T  
ALL BEEN  
RELEASED IN  
JAPAN YET!

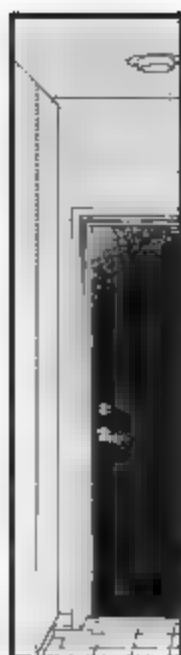
DID I ALWAYS  
FEEL THIS  
COMFORTABLE  
WHEN  
WE WERE  
TOGETHER...?

HE DID! HE  
WAS SAYING  
STUFF ABOUT  
HOW HAPPY  
HE WAS I  
FELT THE  
SAME WAY!

NARUSE-  
SAN IS  
EVIL!!

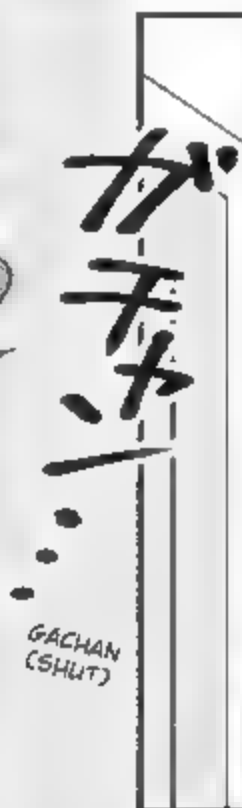


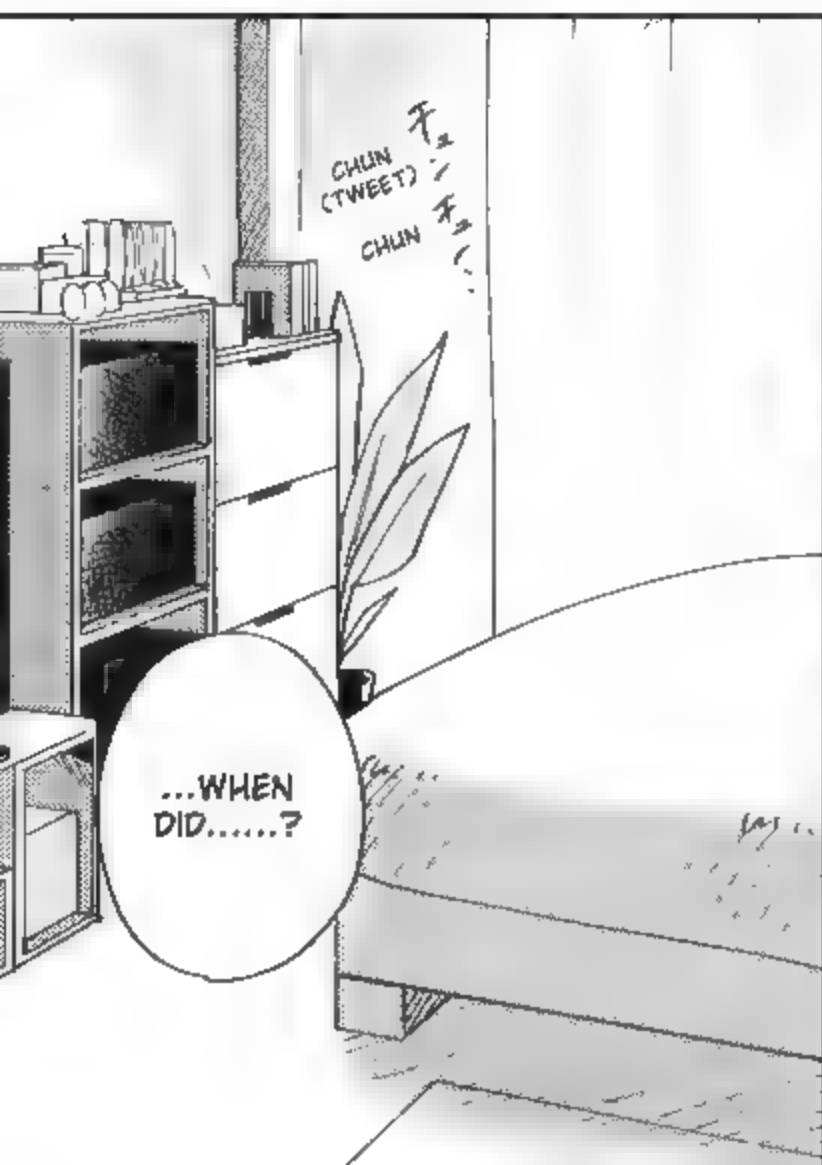
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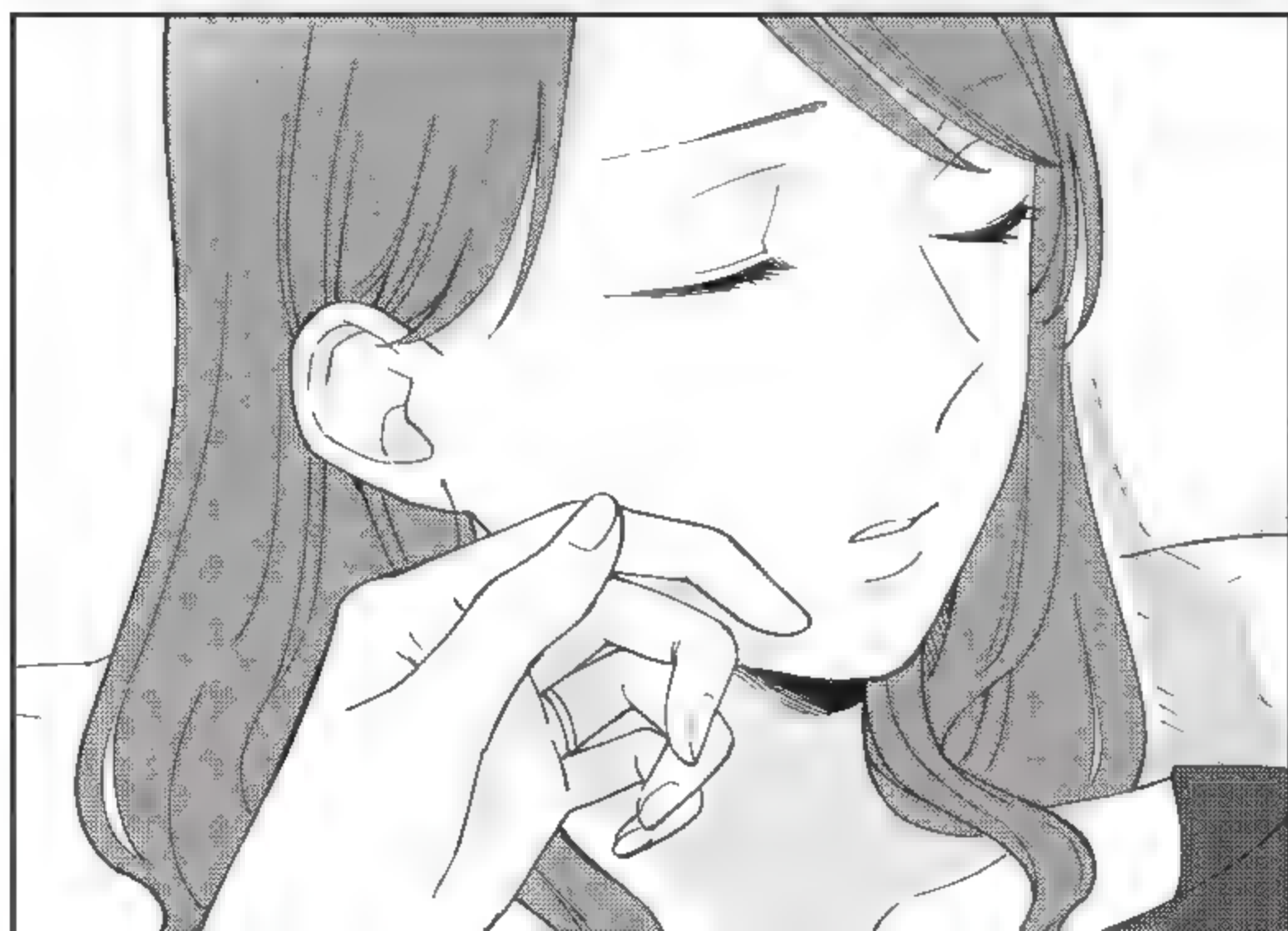
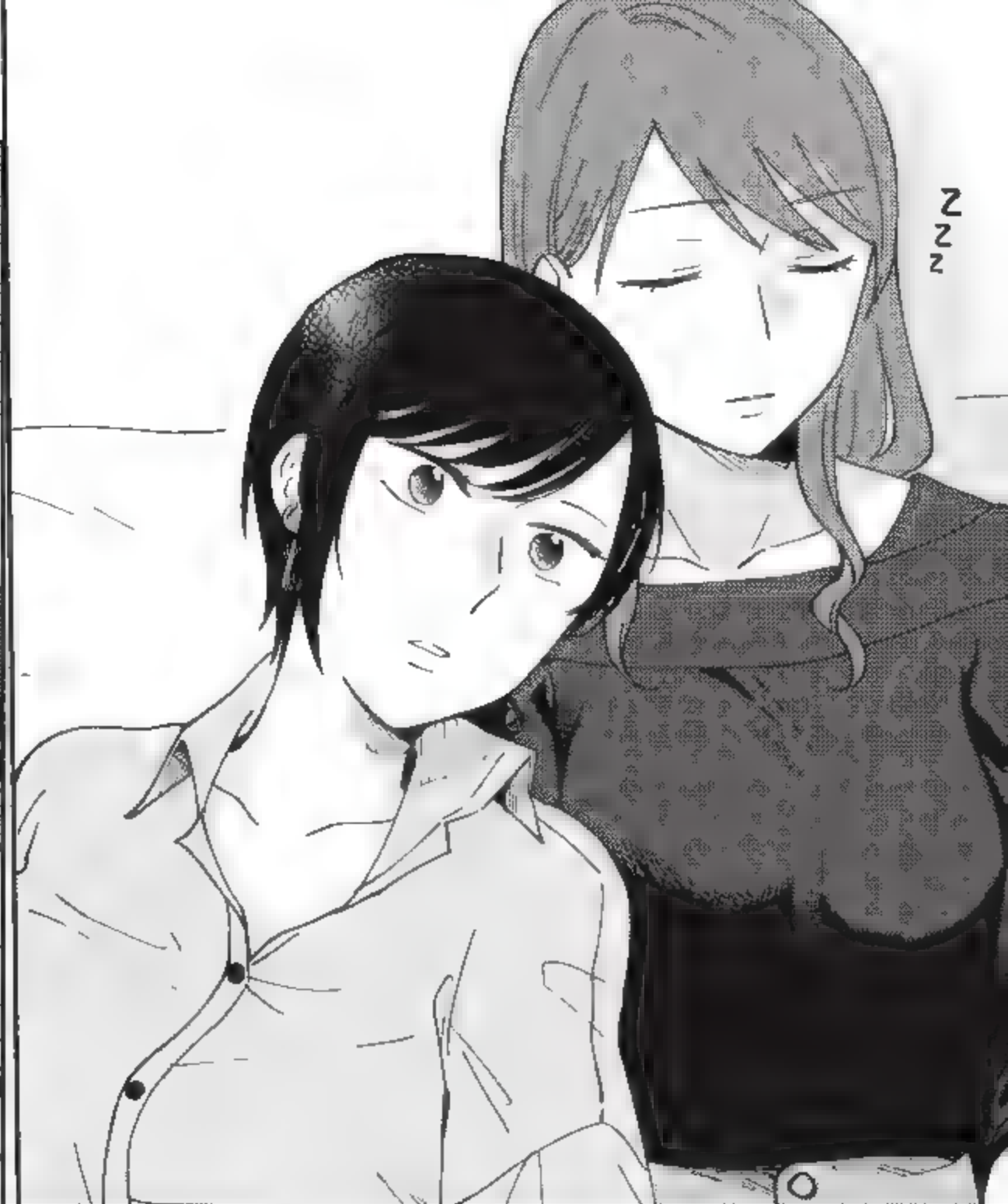














WHY HAVE  
I BEEN  
PRETENDING  
NOT TO  
NOTICE...

...SUCH  
AN EASY  
AND  
SIMPLE  
THING?





WHAT I  
TRULY  
WANT TO  
CHERISH  
IS—...



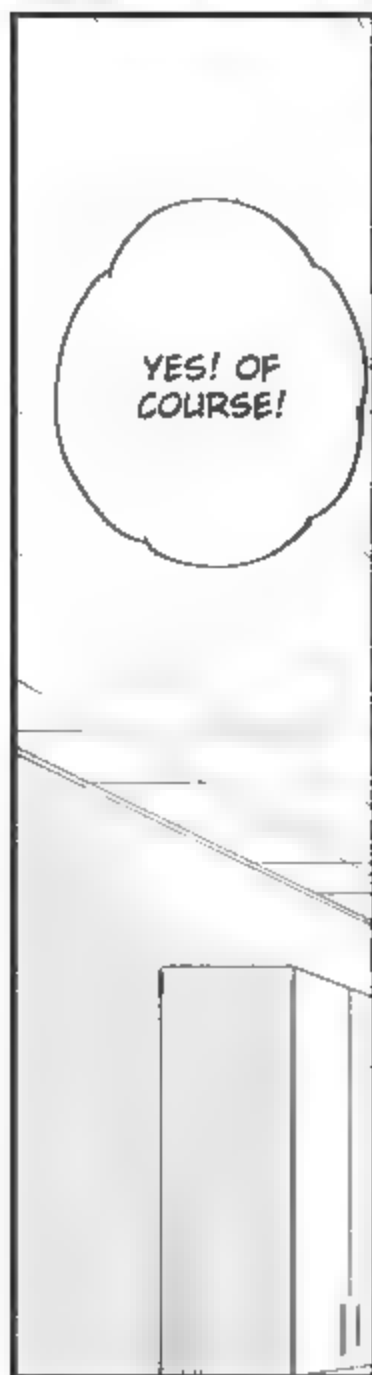


ME...?



COULD I  
ASK YOU TO  
PARTICIPATE  
IN NEXT  
WEEK'S  
STRATEGY  
MEETING?

FUJIMURA-  
SAN.



YES! OF  
COURSE!



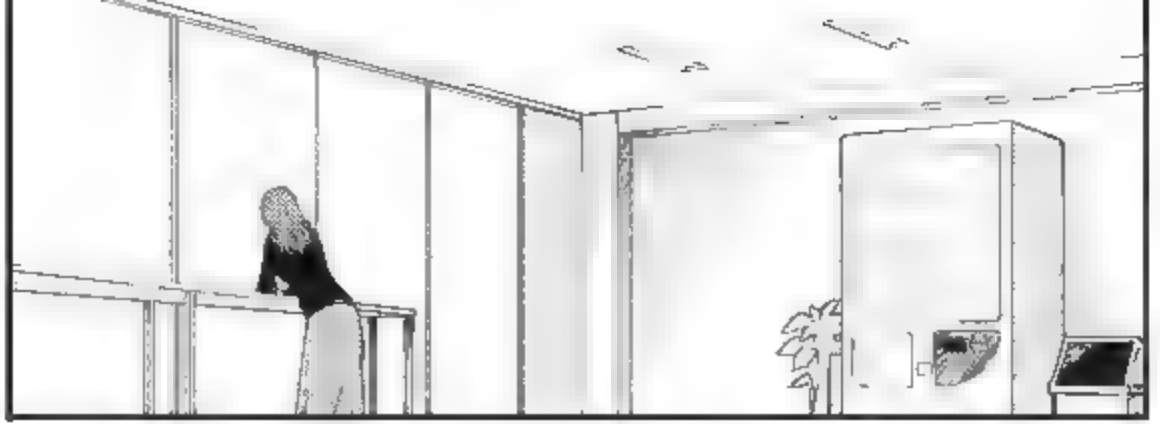
WOULD  
THAT BE  
POSSIBLE?



I'D LIKE YOU  
TO GIVE A  
PRESENTATION...

...THAT WILL  
WIN OVER  
THE SALES  
DEPARTMENT  
ABOUT THAT  
START-UP.

I'LL  
HELP  
TOO, OF  
COURSE

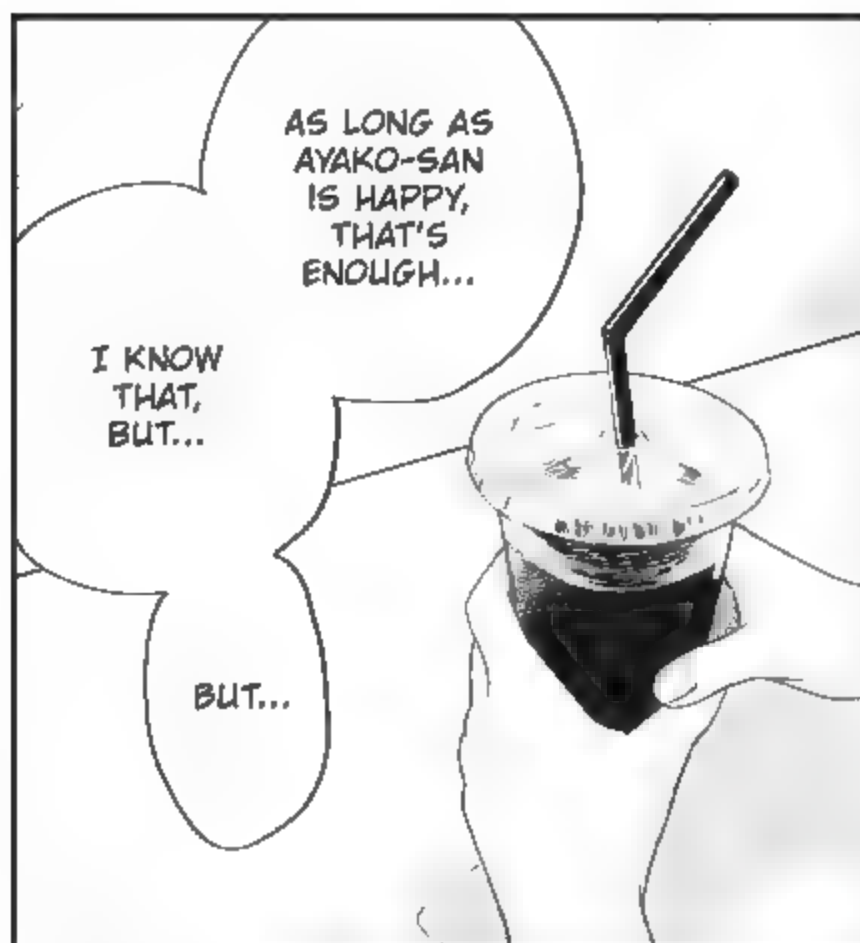


...I COULD  
HAVE HELD  
AYAKO-  
SAN TIGHT  
THAT  
DAY...



I  
WISH...





AS LONG AS  
AYAKO-SAN  
IS HAPPY,  
THAT'S  
ENOUGH...

I KNOW  
THAT,  
BUT...

BUT...



ZUKOKOKOKO:  
(SLURP)

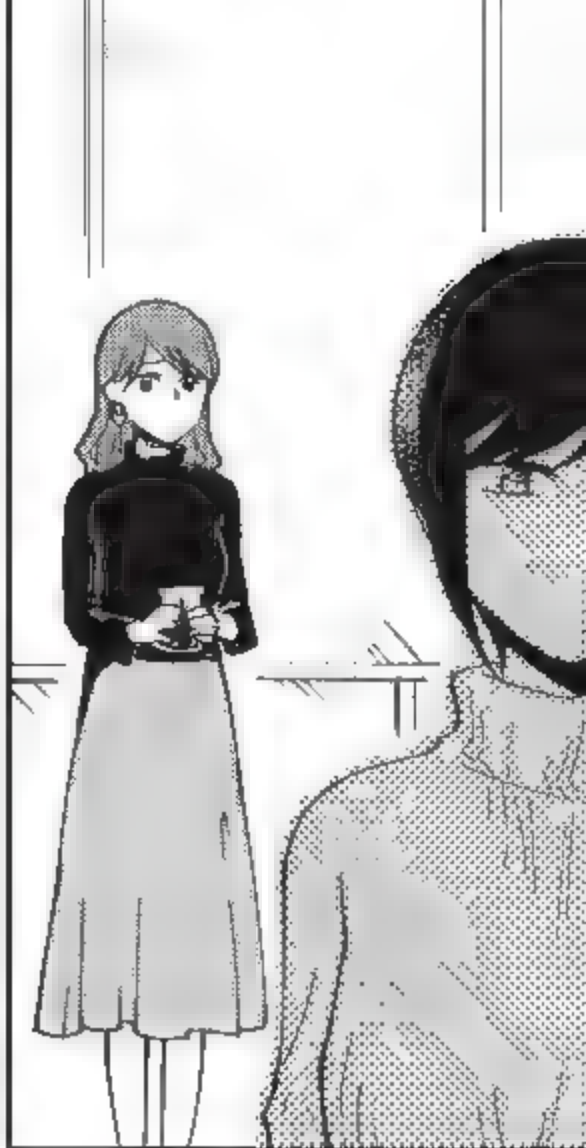
NO, NO,  
NO! CUT  
THAT  
OUT AND  
GIVE UP  
ALREADY!

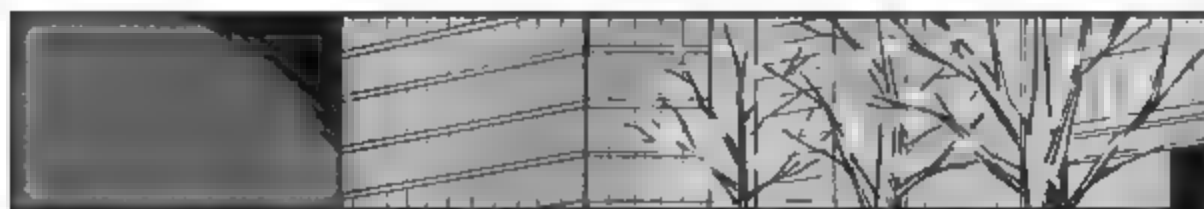


IF I COULD  
SWITCH MY  
FEELINGS  
OFF THAT  
EASILY...

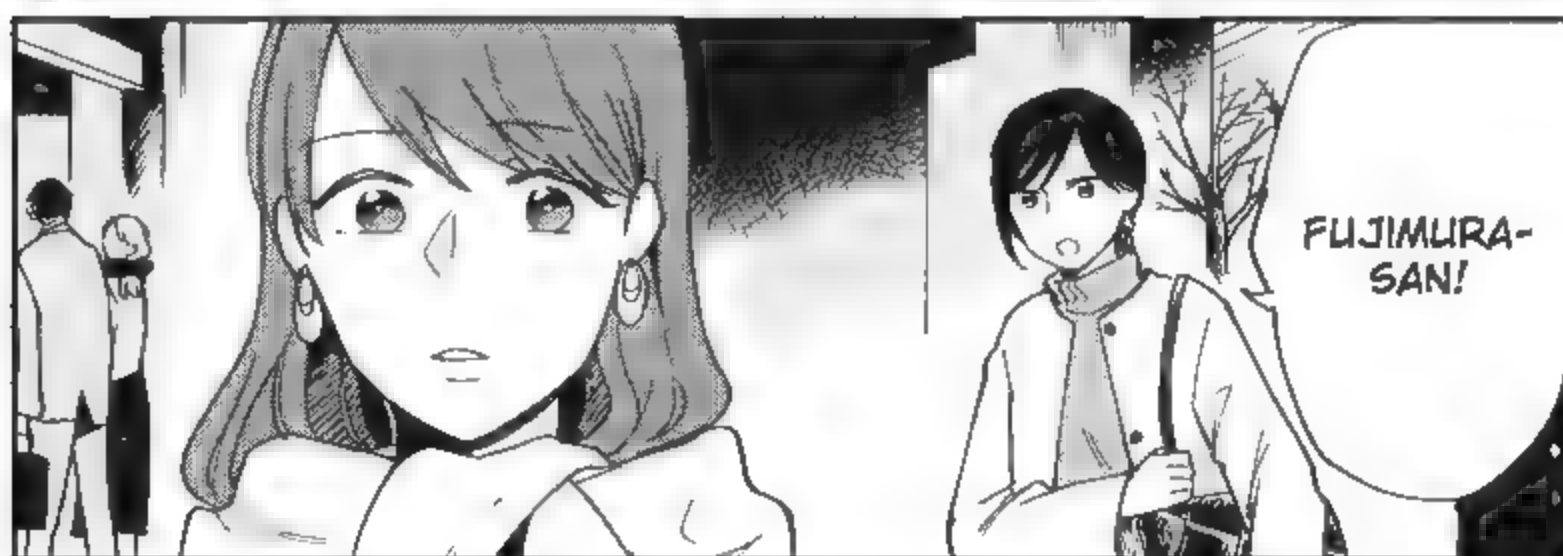
...I  
WOULDN'T  
HAVE  
HAD THE  
AFFAIR IN  
THE FIRST  
PLACE.

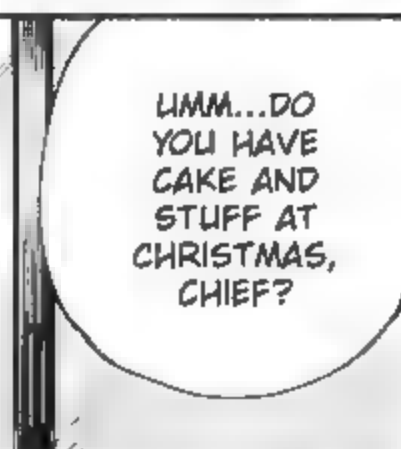




















...I THOUGHT  
THAT WAS A  
SHORTCUT  
TO MAKING  
MYSELF AND  
EVERYONE  
ELSE HAPPY.



...I ALWAYS  
FELT THAT  
I HAD TO  
LIVE UP  
TO OTHER  
PEOPLE'S  
EXPECTA-  
TIONS...

...THAT I  
HAD TO BE  
THE PERSON  
THEY  
WANTED ME  
TO BE.



...THAT'S  
WHAT YOU  
SAID.



LYING TO  
YOURSELF  
ABOUT YOUR  
OWN FEELINGS,  
PRETENDING NOT  
TO SEE THEM...

I DON'T  
LIKE IT.

BUT  
WHEN  
YOU SAW  
THAT  
SIDE  
OF  
ME...



IT MIGHT  
BE SELFISH  
OF ME TO  
SAY THIS  
NOW, BUT...

...I WANTED  
YOU TO HEAR  
IT FROM ME  
WHO'S FOUND  
MY OWN  
VOICE—



WHEN  
I WAS  
WITH  
YOU, I  
REAL-  
IZED...

...THAT IT  
WASN'T MY  
JOB OR MY  
HUSBAND  
THAT WAS  
TYING ME  
DOWN.

**IT WAS  
MY OWN  
COWARDICE.**



I...

...LOVE YOU,  
FUJIMURA-  
SAN.

DA  
(GLOW)

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I LOVE  
YOU SO  
MUCH.



SIX  
MONTHS  
LATER



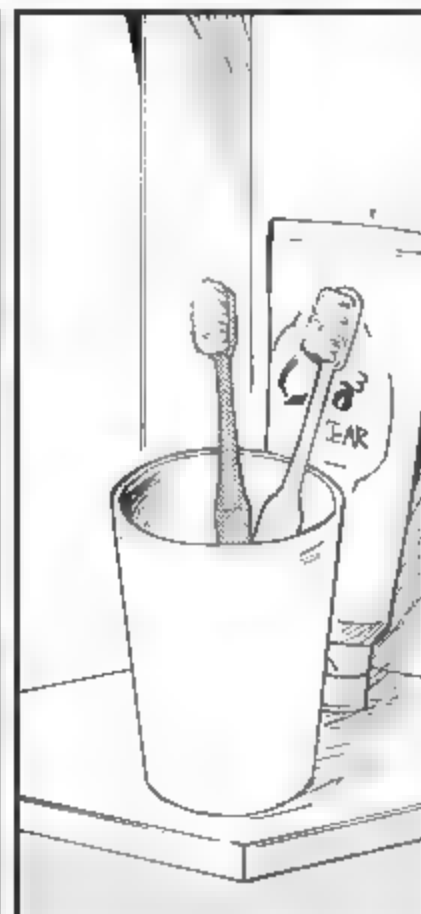
BASA  
(CRUSTLE)

YOU'LL  
BE FINE,  
FUJIMURA-  
SAN.



AHH...  
I DON'T  
FEEL SO  
GOOD...

THE  
DEPARTMENT  
MANAGER IS  
DEFINITELY  
GOING TO GRILL  
ME IN TODAY'S  
MEETING, ISN'T  
HE?



EAR



MY HELP  
DOESN'T  
COME  
CHEAP.



I'LL PAY  
YOU BACK  
WHEN I  
MAKE IT  
BIG...



I'M  
COUNTING  
ON YOU  
TO SAVE  
ME IF IT  
GETS BAD,  
AYAKO-  
SAN.



TOO  
TRUE.

KAKO  
(CLACK)  
カ  
コ



...BUT YOU  
KNOW I  
DON'T MIX  
BUSINESS  
WITH  
PLEASURE.

I'M THE ONE  
WHO MAKES  
THE PROMOTION  
RECOMMENDA-  
TIONS...

CHARI  
(JINGLE)  
チャリ





YEP!

ALL  
RIGHT...



GOT  
EVERY-  
THING?



LET'S  
GO.



BOTH AT  
WORK  
AND AT  
HOME...

...SOME-  
TIMES  
CRYING,  
SOMETIMES  
LAUGHING...





*SOMETHING  
ONLY YOU  
AND I KNOW.*

*OUR  
VERY  
OWN  
SECRET.*



**The End**





Ayako Asano  
Age: 33  
Product Planning  
Division Manager

Saori Fujimura  
Age: 26  
Product Planning  
Division

- Born December 8.
- Height: 5 feet, 4 inches
- Married.
- Asano is her maiden name.  
Her husband's surname is Shimizu.
- Assigned to the research and development department as a new graduate.
- Moved to the product planning division.
- Played basketball (PG) in school.
- Does yoga or goes running on days off.
- Recently got into making smoothies.
- Wears slightly expensive labels, such as Uni●ed Arrows and Theo●y.
- Uses name brand handbags.

- Born May 9.
- Height: 5 feet, 5 inches
- Single.
- Has always been interested in women.
- Assigned to the sales department as a new graduate.
- Moved to the product planning division.
- Played handball (LB) in school.
- Tends to spend days off relaxing at home.
- Recently got into foreign dramas and is not getting enough sleep.
- Wears labels like Lou●ie and So●idel, but also Uni●lo and Zar●.
- Not very picky.

I LOVE YURI STORIES ABOUT YOUNG WOMEN, SO THAT'S ALL I WRITE.

I USUALLY WORK IN AN ORDINARY OFFICE.



YAY!

NICE TO MEET YOU! MY NAME IS YUNI.

THANKS!!

COME TO ME ANYTIME.

ANY PROBLEMS?

I THOUGHT SERIOUS CAREER WOMEN WOULD BE AGGRESSIVE AND SCARY...  
...BUT THEY'RE ACTUALLY ALL KIND AND FRIENDLY YOUNG LADIES...! WONDERFUL.

GASP!

Pc

I ENCOUNTER MANY, DIFFERENT YOUNG WOMEN AT WORK...

A YURI MANGA, NATURALLY.

I WANT TO WRITE AN OFFICE-ROMANCE MANGA ABOUT THESE WONDERFUL CAREER WOMEN...!

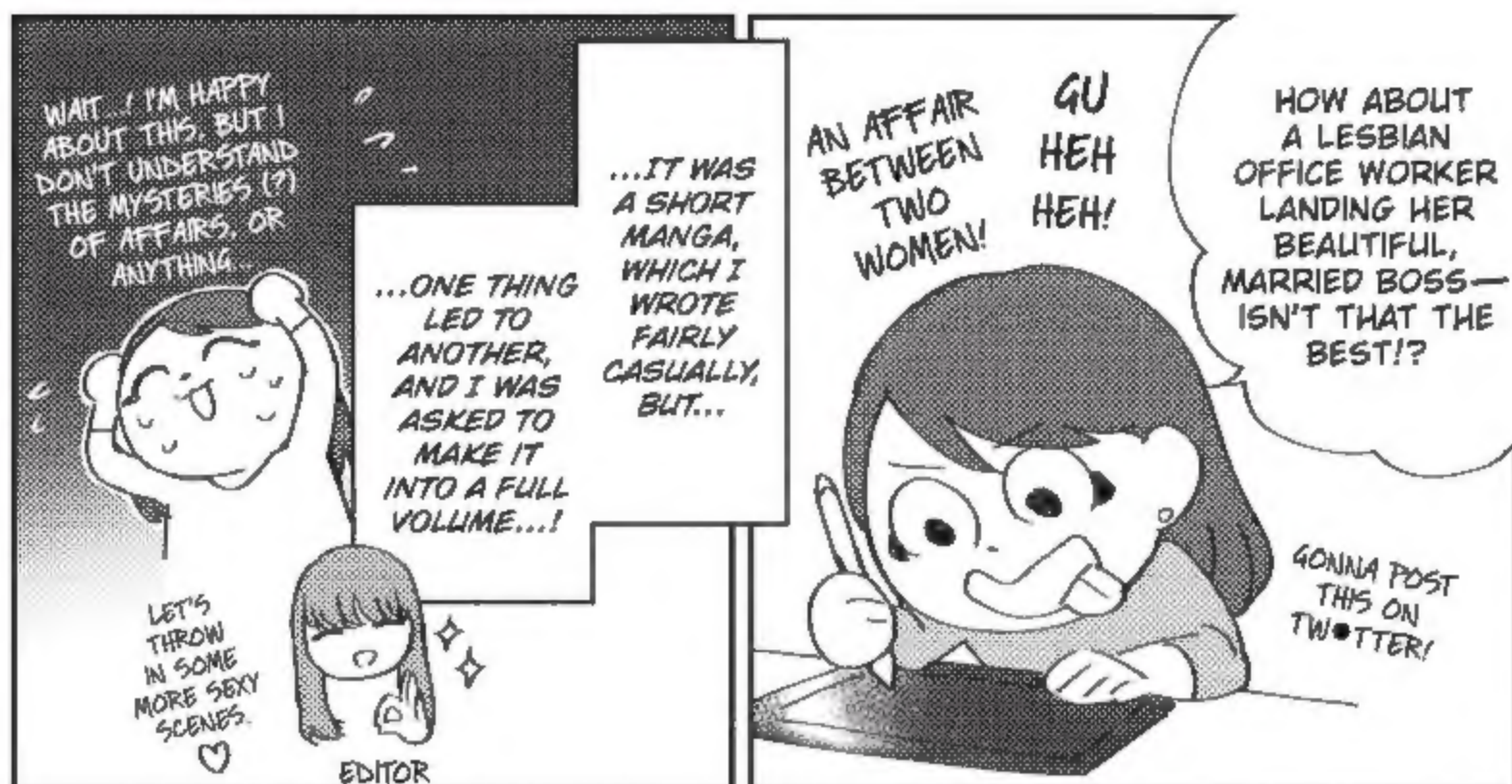
...AN EVIL PLAN GREW WITHIN ME.

AS I THOUGHT THIS...

WE STILL LIVE IN A MALE-DOMINATED SOCIETY, AFTER ALL...

I THINK THE WOMEN WHO GET PROMOTED ARE OFTEN THE ONES GOOD AT BUILDING INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS, NOT JUST AT THEIR JOBS...





# I Love You <sup>SO</sup> MUCH, I Hate You

## Yuni

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